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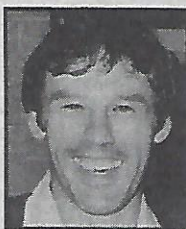
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## JIMMY ROONEY BOWS OUT

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE

Jimmy Rooney slipped quietly into retirement last weekend but is widely tipped to be appointed coach of Victorian club Croydon City for the 1984 season with Gus Macleod as his assistant.



Jimmy Rooney

always set myself fairly high standards and, unfortunately, I'm no longer able to reach them.

"Some of the things I've been renowned for over the years, I'm no longer able to do, I'm not as young as I used to be, you know."

Rooney was substituted in the 68th minute playing for Croydon against Green Gully Ajax in the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals and few people realised, as Rooney trudged off the field, that this had been his swansong in competitive soccer.

The 37-year-old former Soccerroo captain, with 100 national team appearances to his name, second only to the great Peter Wilson who made 114 appearances, would have retired last year had he finished the season in NSL with Heidelberg Alexander.

"That's the way I would have liked it — bowing out at the highest club level possible," Rooney said.

"I could go on, playing in the lower leagues, but that's not for me. There comes a time when you have to take a long, hard look at yourself and that time has come for me. I've



Jimmy Rooney leaves with a laugh, as Jim Williams of Ajax bares his behind while changing shorts on the pitch during the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals.

League. He transferred to Prague in Sydney in 1970 and two seasons later switched to APLA for \$7,000.

"I had five great years at APLA. I had become an international with Prague but right in the middle of my stint with APLA I played with Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals — an unforgettable experience."

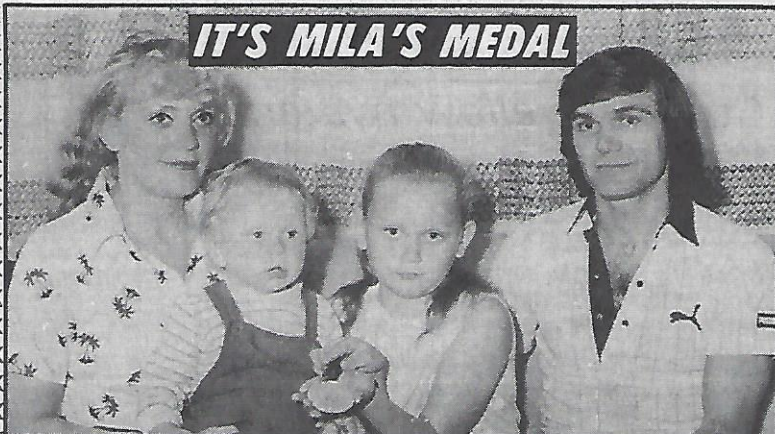
Rooney joined Marconi in 1977 then switched to Heidelberg Alexander in 1979. He was unceremoniously dumped by Heidelberg last year and joined Croydon City.

Journalists across Australia consistently have paid glowing tribute to Rooney's ability and professionalism. Justifiably so. His 16 seasons in Australian soccer have been crowned with personal and public glory. He has, at all times, been the model player, on and off the park.

Rooney leaves behind wonderful memories which never will be forgotten by thousands of soccer lovers in this country.

On their behalf, let me simply say, thanks Jimmy.

## IT'S MILA'S MEDAL



Two years of dedication and heartbreak were rewarded when Stefan Mila (right) of Polonia won the Victorian Rothmans Medal last Thursday.

Mila left his wife Ursula (left) and daughter Katarina (second from right) behind in Poland when he came to Australia in early 1982. He wanted to save some money and make a home for them here before having them join him.

So he worked long hours in a factory,

and travelled by train the 40-odd miles from his home in Moorabbin to training in Maribyrnong.

It was a lonely time for him, made all the more painful because his son, Sebastian, was born in Poland during this time.

Finally, four months ago, Ursula, Katarina and Sebastian (on mum's knee) joined Stefan in Australia. Now, a happier man you couldn't find!

A photographer with a sense of humor reckons Mila has completed a Polish trifecta: first the Pope, then the Nobel Prize (Lech Walesa) and now the Rothmans Medal.

Make that a quadrilla — because Jan Kierro of Polonia Adelaide won the South Australian Rothmans Medal only a few weeks ago.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## O'Connor is nation's No. 1

Phil O'Connor of Wollongong is Australia's No. 1 soccer player.

With one round to go, he has won the \$1500 prize in the Boral Bricks — "Soccer Action" national player of the year award.

The brilliant striker earned five votes for his display against Brisbane Lions last Sunday, leaving him eight ahead of second-placed Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) who polled only two votes.

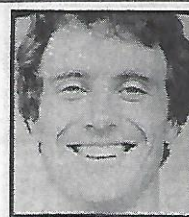
With a maximum of only six votes available to Yankos in the last round, he is unable to catch O'Connor, who won't play next week as Wollongong's league commitments are over for 1983.

O'Connor and Roy Cotton formed one of the most effective striking partnerships in the NSL, scoring 12 goals each.

"It's the most successful partnership I've ever had with another forward," Connor said. "He's a great player. We were together at St. George too, but we didn't really click together there, because he was on one wing and I was one the other."

O'Connor said now that his contract with Wollongong had expired, he was open to offers. Asked whether he and Cotton may switch in a package deal, he said he doubted it. "If it did happen, it would have to be a Sydney club, because Roy's got a good job and he wouldn't move, whereas I'd go anywhere for the right offer," O'Connor, 29, said.

Asked whether 1983 had



Phil O'Connor

been his best season, O'Connor said: "It was one of my best, sure, but I think one of my years with APLA was even better."

O'Connor came to Australia in 1975 from England where he played for Luton Town. His first club here was the now defunct Wollongong City, from where he joined St. George-Bush for \$9000 in early 1977. He had scored 12 goals for Wollongong in 1976, and after joining Saints he scored eight in 1977, 11 in 1978, and seven in 1979. He then switched to APLA where he notched 10 in 1980 and seven in 1981. He

was Wollongong's top scorer with 16 in 1983, giving him a total of 71 in the NSL, and making him equal second to Gary Cole (Heidelberg) among the league's all-time top scorers. Mark Jankovics (Marconi) and John Kosmina (Sydney City Hakoah) also have 71.

O'Connor starred for Australia in its three-match series against England this year. His three appearances brought his total for Australia to 22, 15 of which have been in full internationals.

The "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award, dates back to 1976.

That year, it was split between NSW and Victoria, with Bruce Stowell of Pan Hellenic being the NSW winner and Steve Kokoska (Sunshine) the tops in Victoria.

Winners since then: 1977: Jimmy Rooney (Marconi); 1978: L. Ken Boden (Newcastle); 1979: Ivo Prskalo (Marconi); 1980 and 81: Jim Hermiston (Brisbane City); 1982: Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic).

Progress voting page 5

Thrilling end  
to the NSL:

St George  
or  
Makedonia?

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## YOUNG ROOS TO AIS?

The Institute of Sport in Canberra is expected to assume much of the responsibility for the Australian youth team.

The ASF has suggested that the youth team should attend the Institute for training camps.

It also has suggested that the Institute, rather than the ASF, should finance the youth team's overseas tours, through Government cash.

This means that Australia may in future compete in the World Youth

Championships at the government's expense.

The ASF's commercial director, Peter Sheehan, said before leaving on a trip to London last week.

"Youth soccer, while it is no doubt a vehicle for chest-beating, has proved to be a commercial disaster, because the games are never played here."

He said a statement on the Institute's involvement was expected to be made soon.

Sheehan will try to organise at least

two Australian tours by overseas teams during his overseas trip.

He also will go to the U.S. to find out about the latest developments in indoor soccer there.

This suggests the ASF may be planning an indoor soccer tournament for 1984.

Sheehan said he would speak with European TV networks about the possibility of selling TV rights to games in Australia by touring teams.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

The West Berlin representative team will play against Victoria in early January.

The tour itinerary has not yet been finalised, but it will include games in Sydney and against Preston Makedonia at Connor Reserve, in Reservoir and Morwell Falcons in Morwell.

On its way to Australia, West Berlin will play several matches in China.

The touring squad is made up of the best players in the top Berlin leagues, and it will be led by the secretary/manager of the Berlin Soccer Federation, Wolfgang Levin.

Coach is former Bundesliga player Friedhelm Haebermann who was captain of Eintracht Braunschweig for two years.

The team's star forward is Harald Kaepnick (Blau Weiss 90) who was Berlin's top scorer with 30 goals last season.

The West Berlin squad, with players' ages and clubs: Holger Gehrke, 22, Blau-Weiss 90, formerly FC Saarbrücken; Norbert Henkle, 19, Hertha BSC; Michael Schmidt, 31, Hertha 13; Michael Fiedler, 23, Tennis Borussia; FC Saarbrücken; Miro Misic, 23, Tennis Borussia; Alf Fister, 18, Blau Weiss 90; Rainer Ecke, 26, Hertha BSC; Norbert Vogt, 21, Hertha BSC; Peter Stark, (capt), 29, Blau Weiss 90; Mario Mieling, 24, Tennis Borussia; Michael Horning, 27, Hertha 03; Rainer Schure, 28, Hertha 13 — 19 goals last season; Christian Mueller, 23, Blau Weiss 90, ex-MTV Ingolstadt; Leo Bunk, 21, Blau Weiss 90, ex-Munich 1860; Michael Enders, 20, Tennis Borussia; ex-VfB Stuttgart; Harald Kaepnick, 21, Blau Weiss 90, ex-Hamburger SV; Michael Schmidt, 20, Blau Weiss 90, ex-Hamburger SV; Peter Frassmann, 25, Tennis Borussia; Garry Rohrlack, 25, Hertha BSC; Reserves to make the trip in case of injuries: Michael Stier, 27, Hertha 03; Kim Konrad, 29, Blau Weiss 90; Frank Schurabe 19, BFC Dynamo.



The West Berlin representative squad during a recent selection trial, from left, back row: Wolfgang Levin (secretary-manager, Berlin Federation), two other officials, K. Nagel, J. Kirschbaum, R. Sohre, M. Fiedler, A. Gehrman. Middle row: M. Misic, M. Enders, F. Schurabe, P. Frassmann, F. Schroeder, M. Horning, L. Knobel, P. Stark. Front row: F. Haebermann (coach), K. Konrad, R. Ecke, J. Rinko, N. Henkel, R. Schurabe, M. Schmidt, M. Schmidt.

W. Berlin  
to meet  
Victoria,  
Makedonia



# World Cup ruled by television

## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

Get ready, once again, for some dawn awakenings — or taking sickies — when the 1986 World Cup finals roll along.

The Mexican Organising Committee has proposed to start all matches at 11 am, 12 noon, 3 pm and 4 pm.

Not because this is the ideal time of day in the hot Mexican climate — but because European TV channels insist.

This way in Europe the matches will be screened 'live' the same evening, at 7 pm, 8 pm, 11 pm or midnight. Mexico is about eight hours behind Europe.

Now, as Mexico is some 17 hours behind Australia (not to mention other things), viewers in the Eastern States will have to rise at 4 am or 5 am —

or start watching at 8 am and 9 am — all, of course, the following day.

FIFA has yet to agree on the final format of the World Cup.

It seems certain that there will be 24 finalists. The 24 teams are likely to be placed in six groups of four teams where they play a round robin.

The two top countries (a total of 12) would qualify — as well as the four "best" third-placegetters, based on points and goals.

The remaining 16 teams would then proceed on a knock-out basis — one loss and you're out.

It is absolutely certain that the draw will be "seeded" (FIFA's terminology) or "arranged" (mine). Teams from Africa, Asia, Oceania, etc. will be spread out in the six groups: if Australia qualifies, we could have two European and one South American country in our group.

## Cut that yellow hysteria!

Quite a few sensible reforms are likely to be introduced next year in the NSL. More about them later.

But I'd like to suggest another one for consideration.

And this is to suggest another one for consideration.

And this is the abolition of the yellow and red card system.

Its introduction at a World Cup — in 1974 — was prompted by confusion at international level, due to language problems.

Often players didn't know whether they had been cautioned or merely warned.

The yellow card erased that doubt. This became the international symbol of caution.

Frankly, I couldn't see much point in adopting the system for domestic leagues — but almost all countries did, probably for the sake of uniformity.

Then, last year, the Football Association (of England) dropped

the system and returned to the old one under which referees "book" players — caution them verbally and then write down their names in their little book.

And this is exactly what we should do, too, for many reasons.

An obsession has grown up among fans with the "yellow card". Every time a foul is committed, (by the opponent, of course), they scream for the referee to flash it.

The card has become a symbol of punishment or humiliation, a milder form of public execution.

Far too many referees also use it as a weapon of their authority; the worst types almost shove it into the player's face.

The card provides new roles for referees with a flair for the theatrical.

All the suppressed and latent yearnings for authority now gain an expression in the flashing of a card, held high, as if to say:

"I'm the boss, this is the culprit.

• The Spanish Federation has ousted Atletico Bilbao's defender Antonio Giccochea for 13 matches for a simple foul on the far from simple soccer God, Maradona.

Through the services of Channel 0, I saw the incident: it was nothing more or less than a dozen fouls committed in the NSL every weekend.

Maradona just got the ball and Giccochea arrived a fraction late with his sliding tackle.

I'm sure that the hapless Basque defender would have escaped even a mention had his victim been somebody else and not the divine Diego.

Still, I feel there is some poetic justice involved here — and it's well worth thinking about it.

Maradona broke his leg in the tackle and will be out for some four months — 17 weeks.

Giccochea caused the injury — and will be out for the same period.

If we had such a rule in soccer — and not just for superstars but for every player — a great deal of today's "masculine" tackling could vanish.



Diego Maradona

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## Giving England a treat

The phone rang; it was the voice of an excited soccer-father-coach on the line.

"Have I got a story for you," he said in a conspiratorial voice.

"Oh yes?" I said, trying to remain calm.

"Oh yes," he said. "And we'd like you to write about it. You wanna know?"

"I'm dying to know."

"Well," and he took a deep breath, "I'm calling from the Cranberry Eagles Junior Club. Heard about it?"

"Not recently, no."

"You will. Because we have just decided to send one of our teams to England in January. Isn't it marvellous?"

"It is," I said. "Which team?"

"Our Under 10s which finished a creditable 6th in the comp but should have come at least 5th."

"And what will they be doing in England?" I asked.

"Are they staying there for good?"

"Of course not. They'll be playing some matches against their age groups, we don't know yet where but at least three or four games are certain."

"And is that worth the expense?"

"My oath it is. They will be playing against some of the world's best Under-10 teams."

"How do you finance the trip?"

"The kids have been collecting bottles, washing cars and holding functions for months," the voice said.

"We're also accepting donations."

"That's nice of you."

"Thank you. Now, we feel that if we could have some publicity, perhaps people may come forward and help a bit."

"You feel that it's really vital to send 10-year-olds to play in England in mid-winter?"

"Well," he said pensively, "why not England? We've been everywhere now, Bankstown, Engadine and Hornsby, so we thought England would be nice. That's what the parents wanted, too."

"Any parents going with the team?"

"Any parents?" he gasped.

"We have 34 parents signed up already."

"And how many players?"

"Sixteen."

"What will the parents be doing there?"

"We'll do a bit of sight-seeing, you know, The Tower, The Wax Museum, Soho..."

"Wouldn't it be more fun if you left the 16 kids at home?"

"Can't do that," he said, "otherwise how will the children learn soccer?"

"True," I agreed. "How will they?"

"So will you write something on this tour? Promise?"

Well, I promised I would and I have.

I merely changed the name to protect the idiot.

## Brazil tops

Brazil, the aristocrat of world soccer, won a four-nation friendly tournament by beating South Korea 1-0 before some 25,000 fans in Seoul.

It was a sweet revenge for the young Brazilians who lost to the hosts by an identical margin in a preliminary match.

The Brazilians scored the lone goal in the 37th minute when midfielder Augimar Silva, blasted a free kick into the net.

The other participating countries in the week-long contest were Argentina and Mexico.

## Talent drains with the cash

American bankers around Wall Street, New York, are terribly worried about the economy of Brazil and Argentina who owe various banks some \$150 billion.

I am worried, too. Actually, they owe me nothing: I decided long ago not to lend them a single peso or cruzeiro. And yet I am uneasy about the whole thing.

If the economy of these two countries keeps sliding towards bankruptcy — their once magical soccer will suffer.

Almost all the top players from Brazil and Argentina have already switched to Europe: Falcao, Cerezo, Zico, Batista, Ardiles, Maradona, Passarella, Bertoni, Kempes Diaz, and a lot of others are now with Italian, Spanish or English teams.

time. It's only a matter of time before the rest — Socrates, Eder, Junior, Luisinho, you name it — also will switch for the stronger lira, peseta or pound sterling.

Already it seems doubtful whether Brazil and Argentina can build totally new teams for the 1986 World Cup final.

The Italian and Spanish clubs, where the stars flourish, such as Falcao's \$800,000 a year — won't be keen to release them for the elimination matches and to produce another almost complete generation of such stars is beyond even the powers of these superpowers.

If you feel you can help — if you can spare that measly \$15C billion — please contact Wall Street; you will go down as soccer's great benefactor.



Some of the past Rothmans Medal winners, from left: John Gardiner, David Baker, Pat Bannon, Minister of Sport Neil Trezise, Vince Bannon, Tommy Cumming, Jim Tansey and Bobby McGuinness. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



A handshake that symbolises the new spirit of co-operation between the VSF and the NSL. At left: VSF chairman Michael Weinsstein, with NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas, and NSL official Tony Kovac.



Fawkner president Schipano offers a toast. With him are Fawkner players, from left: Joe Palinkas, Ian Tuffield, and Cesare Fatore.



• LEFT: Albion Rovers coach Hugh Murney (right) and team manager Joe Docherty (left) joke with Morwell Falcons president Don DiFabrizio. BELOW: The Juventus table, from left: Sam Manenti (president), Andrew Zinni, Billy Rogers, Joe Caruso (team manager), John Margaritis (coach) and Harry Hird.



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## Secret recruits on way from Poland

# MEDALLIST MILA WANTS POLONIA IN NSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Victoria's 1983 Rothmans Medallist Stefan Mila believes his club, Polonia, should be in the NSL next season.

"We have four or five high-gauly players," he said through interpreter Milan Cvijic, the former J.U.S.T. goalkeeper. "But we need one or two good sponsors to help us financially, and we could use a couple of new players."

Mila pointed out that Polonia was negotiating for two players from Poland but when asked who they were, he said: "It is a club secret."

We spoke to Mila the day after the presentation night, which he was unable to attend because he had the flu. It was his team manager, John Pater, who brought him the medal and the good news late on Thursday night.

Pater too feels that Polonia should be included in the NSL next season because, as the first Polish team in the league, it would represent an entirely new market.

But other clubs were pushing their case for promotion just as hard. Various clubs were seen speaking with NSL representatives Sam Pappas and Tony Kovac. Mila won the medal in a close tussle with Tommy Cumming (Croatia) who finished two points behind, in second place. Cumming also had finished second in the Bill Fleming Medal, won by Paul Lewis of Ajax.

Mila said he felt honored and proud. He said he had not given himself much of a chance against Cumming and Paul Lewis both of whom he described as excellent players.

Asked how it felt to be the first European player to win the medal, he repeated: "I feel very proud." He added he would like to see more Continental players in the league, to lift the standard of skill.

"Last year the standard was better than this year," he said.

Mila is easily distinguished on the field. He always wears a bandage around his right hand, because he's self-conscious about having had three fingers cut off in an accident.

He is one of four top-class Polish imports in the Polonia team. The others are striker Janusz Przybyla, left back Mirek Smolarek and goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski who is also player-coach.

Mila plays with the flair and skill one would expect from a man who played 12 games for Poland's Olympic team, and who starred for Gwardia Warsaw.

He also had trial games for the national 'A' squad but was beaten by Kupciewicz for a midfield position and Piechaczek for the libero post.

Mila was favorite for the Rothmans Medal last year, but was beaten into third place by Vince Bannon (Juventus) and Jim Train (Doveton). He was four points behind Bannon, but he also missed five games.

Mila, 32, does not drink or smoke, and intends to play for at least four more years. Now that he's finally been joined by his wife and children (see page one) he intends to make Australia his permanent home.



Polonia team manager John Pater (right) accepts the Rothmans Medal from the Minister of Sport, Mr. Trezise, on behalf of Stefan Mila.



Stefan Mila in action for Polonia



Flashback to 1982: Mila (right), who finished third, with Rothmans Medallist Vince Bannon (centre) and runner-up Jim Train

## ALL THE VOTES

Denotes player suspended - not eligible for award

35. S. Mila (Pol)

23. T. Cumming (Cro)

29. G. Bozakis (Nor)

23. W. Rogers (Juva), G. Hobson (Croy), Paul Lewis (AJ), B. Toal (AJ), \* D. Brogan (Cro), R. McGuinness (Mor)

22. K. Adams (Cro)

20. C. Gilder (SGC)

19. D. Brooks (WII)

16. O. Latif (Cro)

11. P. Driscoll (Juva), S. Webster (Dove), \* Peter Lewis (AJ), S. Short (AJ), \* D. Brogan (Cro), R. McGuinness (Mor)

10. \* F. Incantale (Juva), J. Palinkas (Faw), A. Czapnik (Pol), A. Irvine (Mor), K. Kalinowski (Hel)

9. K. Coy (Alb), J. Gabrielson, D. Lawler, \* R. Miranda (B.H.), J. Rooney (Croy), \* H. Bingham (Mor)

8. B. Ferris (Alb), K. Lloyd (Juva), \* M. Rainey (Croy), S. Keogh (Dove), A. Schipano

(Faw), P. Boyle (AJ), J. Przybyla (Pol), J. Antolovic, J. Biskic (Cro), C. Bokaris (Hel)

7. \* J. Sweeney (Croy), G. Watson (Dove), J. Train (Mor), J. Sahinidis, S. Wright (Nor), K. Stewart (WII)

6. T. Costello, K. Smart (Alb), A. Zinn (Juva), I. Roodhouse (BH), I. Stilton (Dove), B. Cozzella (Faw), L. Dzielakowski (Pol), J. O'Callaghan, \* W. Whiteside (Mor)

5. L. Murphy (Alb), J. Nelson (Juva), B. Keassey, \* M. McDonald, P. Priestley, P. Ramos, R. Taylor (B.H.), \* P. Loughmane, S. McCombe (Croy), P. Thurkow (Dove), K. Kondarios (Faw), J. Fawcett, S. Gojovic, \* S. Parton (Croy), A. Evans (Mor), N. Garvey, R. Verniers (WII), G. Bennett, A. Centini (SGC), K. Kakoritis, J. Kalambokis (Hel)

4. G. Bannon (Juva), D. Az-zopardi, \* D. Brownlie, A. Hughes (BH), A. McCleod (Croy), M. Lennon, G. Waterhouse (Dove), A. Boskalis, A. Mainetti, B. Terzini (Faw), G. Hogben (Ala), T. Krynski, A. Marshall, G. Petrov (Pol), T. Carcio (Cro), \* J. MacLean (Mor), M. Wilson (Nor), \* B. Burton (WII), M. McGorlan (SGC), J. Karamous (Hel)

3. \* P. Dickson, G. Reilly, \* D. Hennessy (Alb), \* P. Bannon, R. Cullen, J. Juvel, M. Brown (Croy), \* W. Buchanan (Dove), \* D. Smallman, W. Vassallo (Al), B. Lalic, M. Smolarek (Pol), B. Derby (Mor), S. Moore, S. Teetsov (Nor), F. Haudt, B. Thom (WII), A. Kerr, F. Havel, S. Richardson, C. Taylor (SGC), P. Abraham, D. Cummings (Hel)

2. \* A. Bennett, E. Grey, C. Grey, \* F. McLeod (Alb), A. McKenna (BH), S. Irvine, S. Marley, T. Nolan (Croy), J. McKenna (Dove), P. Petruscelli, \* C. Szidusi (Faw), D. Cluskey (Pol), T. Van Baer, E. Young (Mor), \* C. Gully (Nor), D. Gibson (WII), R. Bala, J. Stevenson (SGC), V. Botinowski, B. Buljevic, A. Heep, J. Yeendoom (Hel)

1. S. Douglas, M. D'Sylva, W. McIntyre, D. Lacoac (Alb), K. Swinacoe (Juva), J. McKinnley, \* K. Patterson (BH), G. McLeod (Dove), E. Anselma, C. Petrov (Faw), S. Cannel (AJ), J. Trent (Pol), P. Blawey (Cro), E. Jansson (WII), H. McKinnley (SGC), D. Brown, M. P'Free, M. Turuda (Hel)

## KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



## The other side of The Doc

Tommy Docherty certainly has been having his share of problems.

Telecom in Sydney has been chasing him to pay a phone bill of more than \$700.

And the police in England are after him for about \$8000 he owes his former wife in maintenance.

The Doc claims he hasn't had a chance to earn anything since returning to England, and that his time in Australia had been like "semi-retirement".

I reckon \$60,000 is not a bad salary for semi-retirement. What do you reckon?

I wonder how many people fell for the Doc's antics.

I certainly didn't, as I experienced the other side of Docherty on my trip to England last year.

It was a costly lesson for me, and I'm afraid Sydney Olympic experienced a similar lesson.

Docherty was nice to me during his first stint as Olympic's coach, and when he returned to England to become manager of Preston North End, he invited me out for a trial.

Well, I paid my own fare - about \$2000 - and when I lobbied at Preston, the club knew nothing at all about me. Docherty hadn't even told them I was coming.

That was a Tuesday. He was sacked on the Wednesday, and that was the end of me.

The club kicked me out of my digs, telling me to organise my own lodgings.

I asked the Doc for help, but he didn't want to help me.



Tommy Docherty

I'd travelled all that way just to be dumped.

## Greeks on way up

The once-mighty Ajax Amsterdam of Johan Cruyff and Ruud Krol fame, was knocked out of the first round of the European Cup recently by Olympiakos of Greece.

Olympiakos, now under the leadership of former FC Koeln coach Heinz Hoehner, won the second leg 2-0 in extra time, to advance to the next round, with both goals coming from international Nikos Anagnostopoulos who was the third-highest scorer in Europe in the 1982/83 season.

Greek soccer certainly is on the improve, with a lot of foreign coaches and players, like Rene van der Kerkhof, Trevor Ross and Wilf Erickson.

## "Soccer Action" award tops

Congratulations to Charlie Yankos, Con Opsinis, Peter Ollerton and Peter Lewis on winning the major Victorian Press (ASPA) awards.

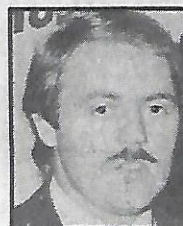
All had a memorable season and deserve recognition.

Yankos, with 45 votes, beat second-placed Zerkio Odzakov (Makodonia) by only five votes. Odzakov is, in my opinion, one of the best imports yet to come to this country.

I wouldn't be surprised if Yankos and Odzakov, along with Phil O'Connor of Wollongong, top the poll in the NSL Player of the Year voting.

Yankos and Odzakov are leading in the "Soccer Action" - Boral Bricks Player of the Year award, and in all but one season since the NSL started, the winner of the "Soccer Action" award went on to win the NSL award as well - Jimmy Rooney, Jim Hermonston, Ivo Prskalo for example.

It's no wonder then, that the "Soccer Action" award is the most prestigious in Australia. All players I know in the NSL make a point of getting the paper every week to check on the voting.



Peter Ollerton

Ricky DiZio is in charge of Italy, and Con Nikolopoulos is co-ordinating Greece. Footscray J.U.S.T. is putting together the Yugoslavia team.

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## Yallourn's Cup

Victorian Third Division club Yallourn, won the 13th annual Mallaocota Cup by beating NSW opponent Horsham by 3-0 on penalties. Scores at the end of full time and extra time, were 1-1.

The award for the best and fairest player went to Rob Stuart of Manly Warringah. Stuart was a guest player with Brookvale for this competition.

The Goalkeeper of the Tournament was "Spider" McGinnley, \* K. Patterson (BH), G. McLeod (Dove), E. Anselma, C. Petrov (Faw), S. Cannel (AJ), J. Trent (Pol), P. Blawey (Cro), E. Jansson (WII), H. McKinnley (SGC), D. Brown, M. P'Free, M. Turuda (Hel)





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# St. George or Makedonia?

## Victorians never have won in Sydney!

Preston Makedonia has not won a single match in Sydney since it entered the NSL in 1981, but if it finally breaks the ice on Sunday, it may win the league championship.

By LAURIE SCHWAB



ment of a grand final. Only the exceptional fighters can survive and win. The team has been together for two years, with only one change when Scottish international Ted MacDougall played six matches with us. This is our team's greatest test yet."

But whatever Arok says about St. George holds true also of Makedonia.

Like St. George, Makedonia, in essence, has been together for quite a while. Peter Ollerton, Ljube Petrovski, Gordon Flavell, George McMillan and Claude Lucchesi — not to mention Gary Ward who's out injured — were in the team that won the 1980 State League championship. Con Opasins came up through the juniors and is completing his second senior season. Goalkeeper Richard Wilson has three seasons with the club under his belt, and David Jones and George Todorovski two each. That leaves Zoran Ilioski and Zarko Odzakov as the new

boys — both in their first season.

That lot easily can match the collective experience of St. George stalwarts like the three O'Shea brothers, Dez Marton, David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy, Peter Stone and Paul Wilkinson.

But they're not playing against each other, of course. Rather, they'll be trying to outdo each other in separate matches.

At the moment, Makedonia and St. George are equal on points at the top, and also equal on goal difference. Makedonia however, has scored more goals than St. George, so if both of them win by say, 2-0, this week, Makedonia would win the championship.

On the other hand, if St. George wins by two goals and Makedonia by only one, then Saints would take the title on goal difference.

Venues for the vital matches in the last round had not been determined as we went to Press.

Sydney Olympic and St. George were both scheduled to play at home on St. George Stadium — which would be impossible unless they play as a double-header.

But that would leave either St. George or Makedonia with the advantage of knowing exactly how much they would have to win by in order to take the championship.

The NSL management committee decided that all matches affecting the championship should kick off at 3pm.

That means either St. George or Olympic would play on St. George Stadium, with the other team moving to either Lambert Park or Marconi Stadium.

In the case of one of those games being played at the latter ground, the Marconi v West Adelaide game would kick off early, as it has no bearing on the championship.

But let's not rule out the possibility of both St. George and Makedonia dropping points at the weekend. If both are held to draws, the title could go to Sydney Hakoah, SM-Hellas or even Newcastle.

That's right, Newcastle. Although they're in fifth position, they could win the title on goal difference by beating Heidelberg-Alexander while the top four lose their matches. Unlikely, but possible.

Statistically, St. George is home and hosted against Brisbane City, as the Queenslanders haven't won for eight weeks. Their last victory was 3-0 against Sydney Olympic, the team Makedonia has to beat.

And Olympic's last victory was against Makedonia itself — at Connor Reserve five weeks ago, when Marshall Soper scored the winning goal.

Weekend NSL games with likely winners in capitals:

SUNDAY  
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v Newcastle KB United

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of week.

SPROUL (1) (WA-Hellas)  
MACLEOD (2) (Makedonia)  
FLAVELL (1) (Makedonia)  
McMILLAN (4) (Makedonia)  
LEA (3) (Heidelberg)  
LUCCHESI (5) (Makedonia)  
OLLERTON (3) (Makedonia)  
H. TREDINNICK (2) (Newcastle)  
ODONNELL (1) (JUST)



Preston Makedonia. Back row: David Jones, Gary Ward, George McMillan, George Todorovski, Peter Ollerton, Richard Wilson. Front row: Zarko Odzakov, Alec Livingston, Ljube Petrovski, George Campbell, Zoran Ilioski, Claude Lucchesi. Missing: Gordon Flavell, Con Opasins.



St. George. Back row: John O'Shea, David Ratcliffe, Paul Wilkinson, Terry Greedy, Rob O'Shea, Dez Marton. Front row: Peter Stone, David Skeen, Mark Barton, Mike O'Shea, Robbie Slater. Missing: Peter Petrovski.

at Olympic Village, 3pm.

Record: Hberg 4 wins, 4 draws, 3 losses, 20.17 goals.

Footscray J.U.S.T. v APIA LEICHHARDT at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.

Record: JUST 4 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses, 12.10 goals.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v Brisbane City, venue to be determined.

Record: St. George 6 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 17.14 goals.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD v WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS at Marconi Stadium.

Record: Marconi 9 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 15.10 goals.

Brisbane Lions v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Richlands, 3 pm.

Record: Hellas 7 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 17.14 goals.

Canberra Arrows v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.

Record: Hakoah 9 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 24.14 goals.

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With Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) having won the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award (see page one), interest switches to the \$1000 top scorer award.

Marshall Soper (Olympic) caught up with leader Doug Brown (SM-Hellas) who did not play due to suspension last weekend. Both have 14 goals going into the last round, both pursued by John Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah) with 13.

In case of a tie, all penalty goals will be deducted. If it still is a tie, Cup goals will count.

This week's votes:

PRESTON MAKEDONIA (3) (Ollerton) 3 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Laurie Schwab.

WOLLONGONG 1 (Cotton) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Wright) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Philip Micallef.

6. Dunleavy (W), 5. O'Connor (W), 4. R. Stewart (BL), 3. Kerr (W), 2. Daunt (BL), 1. Vincent (BL).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Hughes, Hummell own goal) CANBERRA ARROWS 3 (Christopoulos, Farina, T. Byrne) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Ricky Rosso.

6. T. Byrne (C), 5. Fabrizio (BC), 4. Christopoulos (C), 3. Perry (BC), 2. Gibson (C), 1. Ambrosino (C).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 3 (Blair, Mella, Carter) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd about 850. Votes by Frank Pangallo.

6. O'Donnell (JUST), 5. Flinders (AC), 4. Blair (AC), 3. B. Nyskous (AC), 2. Carroll (JUST), 1. Mella (AC).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 4 (Cole pen., Patterson, Campbell, Lea) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper pen.) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 2,200. Votes by Peter Desira.

6. Macleod (H), 5. Lea (H), 4. Oliver (H), 3. Patikas (SO), 2. Yankos (H), 1. Patterson (H).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Senkalski) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2750. Votes by Joe Lanzoni.

6. H. Tredinnick (N), 5. J. Watson (SC), 4. G. Watson (N), 3. Kay (SC), 2. Burke (N), 1. Robertson (SC).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd 2580. Votes by Alex Vesce.

6. Crino (SM), 5. Mariani (APIA), 4. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 3. Woodin (SM), 2. Murphy (SM), 1. Butler (APIA).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Wilkinson, Bar-

FIELD 2 (M. O'Shea own goal, Brown) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 2870. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Djordjevic (M), 5. Marton (St G), 4. Henderson (M), 3. Winn (M), 2. Ratcliffe (St G), 1. Licata (M).

Leaders:

85. O'Connor (W), 7. Yankos (H), 67. Odzakov (Mak), 64. Ratcliffe (St G), 63. Davidson (SM), 61. T. Tredinnick (APIA), 60. Henderson (Mar), 58. Bradley (APIA), 57. Banfield (AC), 55. Kyriakoulas (JUST), 54. Watson (SC), 53. Wright (BL), 52. Sermani (Mar), 51. Lowe (N), 50. Burke (N), 49. Jones (Mak), 48. Farina (C), 46. Mariani (APIA), 45. McMillan (Mak), 44. Greedy (St G), 43. Carroll (JUST), 42. Hozowski (C), 41. G. Watson (N), 40. Bertogna (APIA), 39. Nyskous (AC), 38. Stewart (BL), 37. Vlietstra (W), 36. Tokesi (BC), 35. Lucchesi (Mak), 34. Honeyman (WA), 33. Halford (SM), 32. Perry (BC), 31. Robertson (SC), 30. Lea (H), 29. Katholos (SO), 28. Murphy (SM), 27. Hamilton, 26. Wishart (BC), 25. Senkalski (N), 24. Mella, 23. Flounders (AC), 22. Soper (SO), 21. Brown (SM), 20. Kosmina (SC), 19. Bradolis (APIA), 18. O'Connor (Cotton), 17. Paton (JUST), 16. Egan (SM), 15. Mulla (AC), 14. Lucchesi (Mak), 13. Wright (BL), 12. Lea (H), 11. Lowe (N), 10. R. Brown (Mar), 9. Ward (Mak), 8. Slater (Marton), 7. Mountford (N), 6. Ollerton (Mak), 5. J. Campbell (H), 4. Bryant (C).

## National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets.		HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1.	(4) Preston Makedonia	11	2	2	32	13	4	5	5	15	18	47:31	52
2.	(2) StGeorge Budapest	7	6	1	21	11	7	4	4	22	16	43:27	52
3.	(1) Sydney City Hakoah	10	4	0	27	6	4	5	6	16	22	43:20	51
4.	(3) South Melbourne Hellas	8	3	4	22	18	7	3	4	20	16	42:34	51
5.	(5) Newcastle KB United	7	4	4	20	9	7	3	4	24	15	44:24	49
6.	(9) Heidelberg-Alexander	8	2	4	23	14	2	8	5	14	23	37:37	40
7.	(7) APIA-Leichhardt	9	3	3	28	12	2	2	10	14	23	42:35	38
8.	(8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	5	3	24	18	3	6	6	18	20	42:38	38
9.	(6) Sydney Olympic	6	3	6	22	19	5	2	7	14	17	36:36	38
10.	(10) Canberra Arrows	8	3	3	27	14	3	3	10	18	34	45:48	38
11.	(12) Adelaide City Juventus	7	3	6	21	17	3	3	8	16	21	37:38	36
12.	(11) Footscray J.U.S.T.	6	4	4	16	19	3	4	8	18	22	24:41	35
13.	(13) Brisbane City	5	6	6	21	25	4	4	6	12	21	33:46	33
14.	(14) West Adelaide Hellas	5	6	4	16	17	1	6	7	6	19	22:36	30
15.	(15) Wollongong	1	11	3	19	20	3	4	8	22	33	41:55	27



# Could this be the end for Adelaide City Juventus?

## Adel. City 3 J.U.S.T. 0

**Scorers:** Blair 3rd, Mulla 4th, Carter 63rd.  
**Referee:** Jim Rossis (8)  
**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS:** TUS: McNally 7; Shillabeer 7; Flounders 8; Nyskohous 8; Dadds 7; Mulla 7; Blair 8; Carter 7; Mulla 7; Villani 7; Rankin 7.

**FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.:** Boland 6; McDowell 7; Kyriakoulas 6; Turtill 6; Balle 6; Curovic 7; Carroll 8; Paton 7; O'Donnell 9; Taylor 6; Hazabent 7 (Turtill 43).

**Sending off:** Kyriakoulas (40), Balle (44) for J.U.S.T. Mulla 44' for City.  
**Cautions:** McDowell, Hazabent, Paton, O'Donnell, Curovic (all J.U.S.T.)

Adelaide City Juventus finished a disappointing season on a sensational note against a brutal Footscray J.U.S.T.

Rarely has Adelaide witnessed three send offs and a string of cautions that led to an unruly disturbance just before half time.

Juventus — as always — opened stylishly and within 20 minutes had J.U.S.T. reeling with goals from midfielders Stewart Blair and Serge Mulla.

Then the kicking, behind-play elbows and fists came into it, reducing the match to a shambles and a travesty of soccer.

Referee Jim Rossis did what he could to retain control and his issuing of red and yellow cards was the best measure to take to ensure some kind of sanity prevailed.

Kyriakoulas was the first to go after a late and careless tackle.

While Rossis was quick to see that infringement, he missed the smack across the face youngster Joe Mullen received from a J.U.S.T. defender. Mullen was needed out of the game by some obnoxious tactics that eventually led to the all-in brawl when Mullen and Curovic were left sprawled in the Footscray box.

Fists flew — as did heads — as Villani clashed with J.U.S.T. keeper Dennis Boland after seeing Boland strike out at Mullen who was trying to get to his feet. Mullen and Balle received their

## By FRANK PANGALLO

Marching orders, the former's being somewhat questionable. But the threat of a bloodbath subsided in a second half that lacked the action of the first... both physically and in method.

City should have wiped the floor with J.U.S.T. and had the chances in front of goal to do so but wasted them.

But, to J.U.S.T.'s credit, it did try to make a game of it despite the glaring disadvantage.

Even after Carter had sealed Footscray's fate, following a nice touch by Villani, Footscray pressed forward time and time again. In fact, J.U.S.T. had the better of City in the second half although the Melbourne side never looked like threatening McNally in the City goal.

City again compounded an already disjointed team after promising so much

early in the piece. Fortunately a resilient defence held out by uncompromising Flounders and the ever-reliable Nyskohous had the measure of Footscray's feeble attack.

City's season has ended under a cloud. It still isn't clear that the club will front up in next year's regionalised league — even though it has made that commitment. Club management is due to report to its members on a radical plan to sell the club to "shareholders," a move intended to save off City's patient creditors.

But the club is in such a financial mire that even the most ardent members believe all may be in vain.

On top of that, City's coach Bob Ferguson, has vowed to quit unless the club buys him two or three players next season.

Rather a callous ultimatum when one considers the plight of the club.

So with City's financial resources drawn well past breaking point, it seems Ferguson may be looking for a new job.

Ferguson is indeed right in what he says. The club does need an injection of players... but hardly those he has mentioned to the press.

City's crisis is partly a result of a club losing its ethnic identity, from management through to playing strength. West Adelaide Hellas seems to have already acknowledged that problem following its latest playing and coaching moves.

City had an aggregate crowd attendance of almost 100,000 in 1977. This year the club will be lucky if that figure is anywhere near a quarter of that.

When seventy odd thousand turn their backs on a club, surely a complete reappraisal from top to bottom is needed.

I was laughed at when at one City members meeting, I suggested that the club had all but lost its Italian connection.

With its membership down and the crowds, continually dismal, may I have the courtesy of having the final laugh?

# Throwing cautions to the wind!

## Heidelberg 4 Olympic 1

**Scorers:** 1-0 Cole 37m pon, 2-0 Patterson 41m, 3-0 Campbell 45m, 4-0 Lea 53m, 4-1 Soper 67m pon.  
**Ground:** Olympic Village  
**Attendance:** 2,200 (estimate)

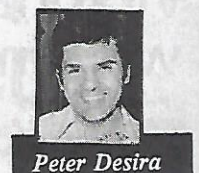
**Referee:** Jim Fearn 9  
**Cautions:** MacLeod, MacKie  
**HEIDELBERG:** Oliver 9; MacKie 8; Yankas 8; MacLeod 9 (Tansy 82m) Spanos 7; Solomidis 7; Campbell 7; Valentini 7; Lea 5, Cole 7; Patterson 2; Coach: Jim Tansey.

**OLYMPIC:** Minor 6; Rogers 6 (Svinos 60m), Coady 6; Dakas 6; Phillips 7; Jennings 6; Kothalos 6; Patikas 8; Kussas 6; Soper 6; Petalis 6.  
**Coach:** Manfred Schaefer.

Heidelberg defenders Don MacLeod and Ian MacKie will miss this week's final league game after getting booked late in this entertaining encounter.

But their cautions were premeditated affairs and far from being rebuked for their misdemeanors, they went out on the slippery park with instructions to get yellow cards by coach Jim Tansey.

Tansey explained, "Both Don and Ian were nearing the 12 maximum penalty points and I told them both to get booked so they can miss the



Peter Desira

coming match against Newcastle.

"Our cup semi-final against South Melbourne Hellas soon is the more important fixture — we have little to play for in the league — and I wanted them to go into the cup with a clean record rather than have to worry about avoiding cautions."

"Both played well and managed to get booked as well but Don took his task literally and I decided to whisk him off as soon as he got booked rather than run the risk of a sending-off which would have ruled him out for two matches."

The little side-show apart, Heidelberg built on its unbeaten record under Tansey and by the end of the day climbed to sixth spot on 40 points after languishing in the lower half of the table since the 13th round of the season.

The team revelled in the wet conditions, slamming three goals in the closing eight minutes of the first half and building a 4-0 lead after the break before Olympic got its solitary goal from the penalty spot towards the end of the match.

Gary Cole, who became the proud father of a baby girl on Friday, celebrated by opening the score in the 37th minute from a penalty awarded for a foul on Derek Lea who was brought down by Mike Coady as he ran into the area on a through pass from Jim Campbell.

Scott Patterson netted his first ever goal in the NSL four minutes after the start, jumping everyone in a crowded penalty area to head home Mike Valentine's corner kick.

Campbell added the third right on half-time, controlling a square pass from Theo Selomidis to hammer a shot from outside the box which went in off keeper Gary Meier's foot.

Derek Lea, Heidelberg's business player, got his name on the scoresheet after the break swooshed on the ball after Coady slipped, to round the keeper and shoot home despite a despairing lunge on the lines by Tony Dakas in which he got a hand to the ball.

Olympic, despite its array of stars, is playing as bad now — if not worse — than it was when coached by Tommy Docherty, and Manfred Schaefer may find it hard to retain his coaching position next season if the rumblings from the Olympic committee are any indication.

The team lost Martyn Rogers with an ankle injury on the hour mark and the full-back was carried from the ground on a stretcher making it unlikely that he'll recover for the final game against Preston.

Rogers' replacement, Arthur Svinos, soon was involved in a series of three shots which forced keeper Jeff Oliver into the two best saves of the match.

Oliver parried Jim Patikas' initial shot, Terry Patikas had the rebound blocked by a defender on the line and the keeper recovered in time to make the third save from Svinos.

Olympic finally pulled a goal back in the 67th minute when MacLeod brought down Peter Kothalos in the area and MacLeod's Soper slammed the resultant penalty kick high into the net.

# Has Senkalski ended Hakoah's title hopes?

## Newcastle 1 Syd. Hakoah 0

**Scorer:** Senkalski 36th.  
**Venue:** International Sports Centre.  
**Crowd:** 2750.  
**Referee:** Tony Boskovic 7.  
**Cautions:** 36th Mason (N), 67th J. Watson, 70th Mullen, 71st Kay (SH).



Joe Lanzoni

Sydney Hakoah started the game showing the local side that it was meaning business, and for the first 20 minutes led the KB United defence a merry dance.

Aided by the hard work of Paul Kay and Joe Watson in midfield and the pace and experience of Willie Murray on the left, Sydney City forced the local side to concede a string of corners that were scrambled away by the defence.

However, for all this superiority we had to wait 23 minutes to see a clear cut chance. Once

again it was Murray that walked around Maier, made ground, before cutting the ball back to Kosmina whose attempt to score was blocked. Kay picked up the loose ball and his shot from five metres was deflected by a defender for a fruitless corner.

From that moment on, Newcastle gradually got into the game more and more.

Two minutes later KB put the first promising move together when David Lowe tested Tony Pezzano with a first time volley after being served by Senkalski.

Shortly afterwards, Grant Lee switched the point of attack to the left but Howard Treddinicks' shot was well wide.

Newcastle finally broke the deadlock when it — scored what proved to be the winning goal. Again it was Treddinicks who had come well forward and his left foot cross was helped along the way by Mountford to an unmarked Senkalski on the right and the classy midfielder had no trouble beating Pezzano with his right foot shot.

Senkalski almost repeated

the dose just on the stroke of half time when the old combination of Treddinicks overlapping, and Jones, produced a cross which was cleared to Senkalski lurking outside the penalty area but this time Pezzano saved the nasty situation.

The second half saw Sydney City throw everything at Newcastle in search of the equalizer and at times the game got a bit wilting, forcing referee Tony Boskovic to produce yellow cards to Watson, Mullen and Kay making it a total of four for the match, after having booked Craig Mason in the first half.

However, when they were needed, most Sydney City strikers were conspicuous by their absence.

As the game progressed, the tension started to take its toll on the Sydney City players, and for 45 minutes of sustained pressure, they rarely troubled Clint Gosling, who handled his work quite confidently and looked in trouble only once in the second half with 13 minutes to go when Murray shot the ball straight into his arms from close range. With that chance, the championship possibly slipped out of Sydney City Hakoah's hands.

# \$100,000 IN TWO DEALS

Wollongong City and Newcastle United have revealed sponsorship deals worth more than \$100,000.

Laurie Kelly, president of Wollongong, announced at an inaugural citizens lunch that a two-year sponsorship valued at \$70,000 had been signed with Kern Construction, who are at present building a big shopping centre in Wollongong.

Newcastle secretary Pat Clarke revealed that favorable discussions had been held with Carlton and United Breweries and sponsorship negotiation should be completed within the next 10 days.

"We have been assured the immediate crisis has been resolved and the company has given us certain undertakings. Our future looks much more promising after the talks and we are hopeful of getting a \$30,000 sponsorship for next season," said Clarke.

Wollongong raised more than \$5,000 at the luncheon and had on display a model of the stadium it hopes to build with government support.

"We are negotiating with the Federal government for the land which is in Fairy Meadow and have made a submission to the state government for financial support," said Wollongong secretary John Vlietstra.

"With support from the government and local people we hope to build a stadium similar to St George in Sydney, with two outside grounds and parking for 400 cars."

"It's ambitious but if we don't try we will never get our own ground."

The future of Newcastle had depended on the meeting with CUB which had to decide whether to continue the sponsorship it inherited with its recent takeover of Tooth and Company.

Clarke said the club had been facing possible closure if the negotiations had not been successful and withdrawal would have ended a six year association.

"We were given a good hearing by CUB and our next step is to try to finalise arrangements for a ground for next season. We will be talking with administrators of the International Sports Centre on usage for next year and will have Adamstown Oval in reserve if they are not satisfactory," he added.

But Wollongong hit back with an equaliser three minutes from half time when Cotton put the ball away after beating two men.

In the second half, the Lions took the initiative but, with kipper Dunleavy in dominant form, the Wolves managed to draw out for their 15th draw of the season.

This match might have been the last for O'Connor in the Wolves' colors.

Several clubs have shown varied degrees of interest in the striker and he has said he will leave the club if he gets the right offer.

## Kerry Dixon to join Salisbury?

Leading English soccer scorers:

- DIVISION ONE**
  - 9 — Simon Stainrod (Queens Park Rangers).
  - 7 — Steve Archibald (Tottenham), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), John Wark (Ipswich), Peter Withe (Aston Villa).
- DIVISION TWO**
  - 14 — Kerry Dixon (Chelsea).
  - 8 — Simon Garner (Blackburn).
  - 8 — Mark Lillis (Huddersfield).
- DIVISION THREE**
  - 12 — Tony Calverley (Bolton).
  - 9 — Keith Edwards (Sheffield United).
  - 8 — Francis Joseph (Brentford).
- DIVISION FOUR**
  - 16 — Trevor Senior (Reading).
  - 10 — Tony Adcock (Colchester).
  - 8 — John Byrne, Keith Walwyn (York City).

Chelsea goalscorer sensation Kerry Dixon is the man Salisbury United (SA) is seeking to guest for in the Rothmans League first division next season.

Salisbury United manager-coach Steve Jarvis said that club captain Bobby Tufts was expected to clinch a deal for Dixon to play four guest games when Tufts returned to England next month.

Dixon scored two goals for Chelsea when it toppled Fulham 5-3 last week to bring his tally to 14 goals in eight games.

The young central striker heads the English second division scorers' list from Simon Garner of Blackburn Rovers.

Dixon was signed by Chelsea during the English summer from fourth division club Reading.

"Dixon is a mate of Tufts. They played together with Dunstable before Dixon transferred to Reading," Jarvis said.

# Lions destined for last place

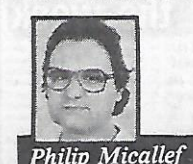
## Wollongong 1 Bris Lions 1

**Venue:** Wollongong Show-ground.  
**Scorers:** Wright (BL) 26th; Cotton (W) 42nd.  
**Crowd:** Approx 1000.  
**Referee:** Power 9.

**WOLLONGONG:** Preston 7 — Muhlbauer 7, Dunleavy 8, Vlietstra 6, Kerr 8 — Willis 7, Ainsworth 7, Dummett 7 (Dickson), McBreen 7 — Cotton 7, O'Connor 8.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Beaves 7 — Vasquez 7, Nivan 7, Hunter 7, McLure 7 — R. Stewart 8, Hogg 7, (Anderson), Vincent 8 — Wright 7, Daunt 8, J. Stewart 7.

Wollongong City appears



Philip Micallef

to have succeeded in avoiding the championship wooden spoon after holding companion-in-distress Brisbane Lions, to a 1-1 draw.

The Wolves, who have finished their 1983 league commitments, have two more points than Lions. But the Queenslanders have a game in

hand and must beat title-chase South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday at Richlands to overtake the Wolves.

In a physical match played in muddy conditions, Wollongong started briskly but after the interval the visitors pined on the pressure, making the 1-1 draw a fair result which should please both sides.

Socceroo striker Phil O'Connor had another good game for Wollongong so did sweeper Chris Dunleavy.

O'Connor was unlucky not to open the scoring with a free kick from 20 metres which hit the upright.

In the 26th minute, the Lions took the lead with a goal from Danny Wright after a tragic mistake by young Socorro Ray Vlietstra.

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# Polonia to visit Hobart

By WALTER PLESS

Victorian State League side, Polonia, will visit Tasmania later this month to play a Hobart Select XI. The match will be played at 4 pm on Saturday October 29 at Taroom-St Mirren's ground.

The Hobart side will be managed by John Microwski, the former White Eagles and Polish first division goalkeeper. It will include players of the calibre of Steve and Phil Kangiesser (Rapid-West Point), John Broadhouse (Juventus Pioneer), Perry Forster (Olympia) and Andrew and Mark Leszczynski (White Eagles).

Andrew Leszczynski is one of Tasmania's most promising youngsters and was selected

tentative team last month, together with Glenorchy-Croatia's Ibro Cahut, who also is expected to line up in the Hobart team.

Leszczynski has had offers from Brisbane Lions and one other NSL club and may move interstate before the beginning of the 1984 season.



# Brilliant lead-up to the finale!

## St. George 2 Marconi 2

Venue: St George Stadium.  
Crowd: 2870  
24th min. Brown (M) 45th  
min. Barton (SG) 79th min.

Referee: Ramplay 5.

Scorers: M. O'Shea own  
goal, 15th min, Wilkinson (S &  
G) 24th min, Brown (M) 45th  
min Barton (SG) 79th min.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST:  
Greedy 6, Sken 7, M. O'Shea  
4 (Petkovski 71st min), Rat-  
cliffe 7, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 7,  
T. O'Shea 7, Barton 7, Slater  
7, Wilkinson 7, Marton 8.

MARCONI: James 7,  
Djordjevic 8, Calderon 7, Han-  
derson 8, Bazovic 7, Serment  
7, McCulloch 7, Carbone 6,  
Brown 7 (Jankovics 70th min),  
Winn 8, Licata 7.

Robert Ludlum, Alfred  
Hitchcock or Agatha Christie  
couldn't have dreamt up a  
better thriller than the heart  
stopping finish to the 1983  
NSL, and quite possibly its  
most spine-tingling episode  
was this thrillingly exciting  
and captivating clash last  
Sunday.

Far from behaving as dis-  
interested onlookers at the  
championship race, the Italian  
club moved heaven and earth  
to deny the points to Arok's  
men.

From the kick off it was con-  
stant action, with the goals of  
both teams under continuous  
pressure.

With all the top-notch action  
going on, it was something of  
an anti-climax to see the scor-  
ing opened with a monumental  
muck-up on the part of the nor-

thally ultra-reliable Mike O'Shea.

It came from a misjudged  
backheader in the 15th min-  
utes, which caught goalie  
Greedy napping, off his line.

The unfortunate further  
side-effect of the own goal was  
O'Shea's seeming inability to  
get a trip on himself for the  
rest of the match, even after  
the equaliser just nine minutes  
later.

Ginger-headed winger  
Slater raced down the right  
wing, to float across a nicely  
judged ball, which curled  
away from goalie Bruce  
James' grasp.

"Thank you very much,"  
was the natural reaction of  
lanky Paul Wilkinson, who  
neatly headed the ball into the  
net.

But, as I said, Mike O'Shea  
was still at sixes and sevens,



Peter Scott

almost managing to "create"  
another Marconi goal with a  
badly fluffed header, which  
Carbone somehow managed to  
sky.

With the action, swinging  
back and forth with great  
regularity, there was never a  
dull moment, but it was notice-  
able that Budapest combined  
better in attack.

The wily Dez Marton espe-  
cially was in his element, con-

tinuously creating scoring op-  
portunities for his team mates  
with pinpoint passes.

And still, as if to prove the  
glorious uncertainty of soccer,  
Marconi managed to gain the  
lead right on the half-time  
whistle.

Rod Brown and Terry  
Greedy were in a race for a  
defence-splitting ball, which  
was won by the Marconi stri-  
ker, but only just.

He managed to send the ball  
goalwards with the Budapest  
goalie stranded but its pace  
was only a trickle, which just  
managed to cross the line into  
the net ahead of the despera-  
tely chasing defenders!

The first big chance after  
the teams turned around was  
in front of Marconi's net, but  
Stone failed to capitalise on  
good work by Sken and Wil-  
kinson.

Marconi pressed dan-  
gerously, especially on a  
number of occasions when  
Jovan Djordjevic raced out of  
defence, regularly outpacing  
his opposite numbers in the  
Saints' rearguard.

Matters were further en-  
livened by three colossal refer-  
eeing mistakes in offside deci-  
sions, each of which could  
have decided the match!

Just as Hungarian fans  
began to despair of their  
chances to stay in the title  
race, Mark Barton slammed a  
great shot past James for the  
equaliser.

There were an extra four  
minutes of play, due to the  
earlier unexpected appear-  
ance of a spotty brown dog,  
affording Dez Marton a chance  
to score a goal which probably  
would have meant the NSL  
championship, but his grand  
spring ended in failure.

It is almost impossible to  
single out individuals in this  
grand spectacle, even though  
there were many notable  
shortcomings in the technical  
aspects of the game.

But Djordjevic was marvel-  
lous, as were Marton and Hen-  
derson.

Steve Winn also proved to be  
a constant thorn in the side of  
the Budapest defence.

Rene Licata showed ex-  
cellent skills, which made the  
first half living hell for David  
Sken, but laded somewhat in  
the second half.

A perfect summing up of the  
current state of NSL soccer's  
affairs was provided by Frank  
Arok's postscript to the  
match:

"I only want us to be on top  
of the ladder once during the  
seasons — after the last  
match!"

# Sips, slides for Westies, skis for Makedonia

## Makedonia 3 West Adel. 0

Score: Orlerton 43rd, 65th,  
& 84th.  
Venue: Connor Reserve.  
Crowd: about 1000.

Conditions: cold and wet;  
pitch waterlogged.  
Referee: Chris Bambridge  
10.

Cautions: Todorovski, Opa-  
sinis (Mak), Konstandopoulos,  
Brown (WA).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:  
Wilson 7 — Opatinis 8, Jones  
7, Todorovski 7, Petrovski 9,  
Iliovski 8, Flavell 9, Odzakov  
9 — McMillan 9, Lucchesi 9,  
Orlerton 9. Coach: Peter Orlerton.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:  
Sproul 9 — Dunn 7, Hiern 7,  
Honeyman 6, McGregor 7, Pa-  
pazoglou 5, Atsals 5,  
Manou 5 — Heys 6, Brown 4,  
Konstandopoulos 4 (Stama-  
topoulos). Coach: Peter Kouli-  
zos.

Although the ball was  
stopped continually by sheets  
of water on the sodden  
Connor Reserve pitch, Makedonia's players still managed  
to show a high level of ball  
skill which West Adelaide  
Hellas was unable to match.

In fact, you felt embarrassed  
for the South Australians as Makedonia knocked the ball around  
in intricate patterns, making Hellas  
chase shadows — or rather,  
water.

Lost count of the number of  
one-twos played by Makedonia  
— and most of them came off,  
despite the conditions!

Coach Peter Orlerton — who  
scored all three goals —  
always has maintained that  
Makedonia is at its best in the  
wet. His biggest wish now, is  
that it rains in Sydney for the  
final match against Sydney  
Olympic on Sunday.

McMillan, the dominant  
figure of the match, said:  
"I loved the conditions. I  
didn't even raise a sweat, even  
though I reckon I put in a fair  
effort."

That's an understatement:  
McMillan would have had at  
least two goals had it not been  
for brilliant saves by Gary  
Sproul, he was involved in  
almost every attack, and he  
kept springing up again like  
some jack-in-the-box after  
being dumped — and he  
tapped quite a few knicks, I  
could tell you. When the ball  
was lost on the forward line,  
invariably it was McMillan who  
would win it back with a tack-  
le.

Claude Lucchesi offered  
himself for every ball, con-  
trolled it with his feet, and  
laid on two of the goals for  
Orlerton with fine passes.

Orlerton played much of the  
match on the left wing — a de-

## Laurie Schwab

liberate play to draw Robbie  
Dunn out of the middle — but,  
moved inside at strategic  
times for those three goals of  
his. In addition he, like so  
many of his team mates, he  
played some delightful stuff  
that defied the elements.

Gordon Flavell, back after a  
two-week suspension, won  
everything in midfield, and  
Zarko Odzakov, apart from  
displaying all facets of his su-  
perior ability as usual, gave  
Orlerton the neat cross which  
resulted in the second goal.

And what about Ljube Pet-  
rovski! He stormed forward  
like a steam train from his full  
back position, getting involved  
in most of the build-ups, and  
dealing almost con-  
tempuously with his direct op-  
ponent, George Konstandopou-  
los.

Con Opatinis did his usual  
sound defensive job on Hel-  
las's only danger man,  
Graham Heys who battled  
hard but got little done.

Makedonia's centre backs,  
David Jones (who almost  
didn't play because of illness)  
and George Todorovski were  
solid without having much to  
do, while goalkeeper Richard  
Wilson stood around shivering  
most of the time, apart from  
a few Hellas flurries, like the  
one in which Tim Brown hit  
the crossbar late in the game.

Hellas surprised us all by  
lining up with Graham Honey-  
man in the sweeper's position!  
What a waste, in a team so  
painfully short of experienced,  
creative players.

Honeyman tried hard  
enough, but he looked com-  
pletely out of place.  
Ian McGregor, Brenton  
Hiern and Dunn also put in  
considerable effort, but the  
defence they formed simply  
wasn't overpowered by the Makedonia forwards.

In midfield, Hellas offered  
very little. Papazoglou,  
who was supposed to be mark-  
ing Odzakov, didn't have a  
hope, but to his credit he did  
get involved in a few promis-  
ing forward moves later. Chris  
Manou and Steve Atsals ran  
around looking lost most of the  
time, and up front, Tim Brown  
and Konstandopoulos couldn't  
find a trick.

Makedonia had enough  
chances to score 10 goals, but  
Sproul proved a formidable

barrier. In the first 15 min-  
utes, he stopped a shot by  
McMillan one-handed, then  
foiled McMillan again with an  
even better save, and dived to  
stop a header from Orlerton.

Opatinis and Lucchesi came  
close with shots laid on for  
them by Orlerton and McMil-  
lan respectively, and then  
came a great move by Makedonia  
which again was stopped  
by Sproul.

McMillan played a long  
clearance from defence to  
Lucchesi at the half-time. Luc-  
chesi raced past McGregor,  
with Honeyman the only  
Hellas defender left in front of  
him. McMillan meanwhile,  
made a run parallel, through  
the middle accepted a pass  
from Lucchesi, took his shot,  
and watched in despair as  
Sproul caught it spectacularly.

Then, two minutes before  
half time, came the tiebreaker.  
Lucchesi slipped the ball to  
Orlerton on his right, and Orlerton  
scored with a low shot  
that skimmed through the  
water, past the groping fingers  
of Sproul.

Just after half time, Papa-  
zoglou came close for Hellas,  
with a shot that bounced badly  
in front of Wilson, making it  
difficult for the Makedonia  
goalkeeper who, however,  
managed to save it.

Iliovski had that unbelievable  
miss in the 61st minute and, a  
few moments later, sent a low  
shot skimming just wide.

Orlerton headed No. 2 from  
Odzakov's cross from the left  
in the 65th minute, and a mis-  
take by Honeyman should have  
resulted in another.

Honeyman turned and sent a  
back-pass towards Sproul, but  
the ball stuck in the water.  
McMillan latched onto it and  
ran unchallenged, towards  
goal, at an angle. He could  
have scored here, but decided  
instead to send a square pass  
to Lucchesi. Sproul, however,  
got his fingers to it and pushed  
it away.

A good piece of refereeing  
by Chris Bambridge, who put  
on an excellent performance in  
the conditions, enabled Makedonia  
to score its third goal six  
minutes from the end.

McMillan, contesting a high  
ball, was brought down from  
score again as he came slid-  
ing it at the far post.

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Seven men make up an ASF  
screening committee. They  
are: NSL chairman Sam Pa-  
pazoglou, NSL manager Steve  
Kamz, ASF commercial  
director Peter Sheehan, NSL  
vice-chairman Tony Labbo-  
zetta, ASF secretary Brian  
Emery, the President of the  
NSW Federation, Karol Rodry  
(for his successor) and the  
President of the Victorian Fed-  
eration, John Dimitsis.  
This recommendation has to  
be ratified by the ASF.

## HUMMEL THE HERO



Ricky Rosso

Canberra 3  
Bris. City 2

Scorers: Christopoulos,  
Farina, Byrne (C), Hughes,  
Hummel o.g. (BC).  
Venue: Spencer Park.  
Crowd: about 1000.

Referee: Bill Monteverde 8.  
CITY: Wishart 7, Kowtan 5,  
Perry 8, Liddell 7, Wilkinson 7,  
Caird 6, Fabrizio 8, Hughes 7  
(Falco H.T. 6), Bromfield 6,  
Glockner 6, Cairney 6.

CANBERRA: Hummel 6,  
Murray 6, Ambrosio 7, Byrne  
8, Young 6 (Shields 71st),  
Redmond 7, Christopoulos 8,  
Gibson 8, Farina 7, Perenevic  
6, McLean 7.

An unexpected goal, a bril-

liant goal and a missed goal  
highlighted Canberra's 3-2  
win over Brisbane City at  
Spencer Park.

The unexpected goal was in  
the 17th minute when  
Canberra keeper Chris  
Hummel turned towards his  
goal and dropped a Luciano  
Fabrizio corner-kick behind  
the goal-line.

The brilliant goal was a  
scorching 25 metre volley  
from George Christopoulos in  
the second half after a pinpoint  
Phil Redmond switch ball.

The missed goal was a  
saved penalty as Hummel  
went from the villain to the  
hero of Canberra's win.

City got the penalty with  
three minutes to go after Ref-  
eree Bill Monteverde over-  
ruled an offside flag, claiming  
in the quickness of play, that  
Falco had been played on at  
the vital time, and pointed to  
the spot as the City youngster  
was thrown to the ground in a  
wild tackle by Terry Byrne.

Billy Wilkinson, one of the  
few experienced players now  
in the City side, was elected to  
take the kick, and although he  
struck it well, he put it higher  
than what he had hoped and  
Hummel, who also certainly

moved early, was able to dive  
to his right and parry the ball  
away.

It was a shattering blow for  
City, particularly after it had  
led by two goals after 20  
minutes and the youngsters  
were playing with the flair  
Coach Jim Hermiston has pre-  
dicted for several weeks now  
that they would eventually  
produce.

After racing to a quick lead  
thanks to the gift Hummel goal  
and a well worked long throw  
in finished off by Alan Hughes  
a minute earlier, City faltered  
just before half-time.

Although "Christopoulos"  
goal was unstoppable, the fact  
that he was allowed to run so  
far without a close marker  
before his volley is something  
which needs correcting.

Although the goal was a set-  
back, the real blow came only  
seconds before halftime when  
City lost Hughes with an ankle  
injury.

Hughes had been having a  
big game in midfield, provid-  
ing the flair to complement the  
enthusiasm and work-rate of  
Caird and Fabrizio.

With the task not looking as  
hopeless as it did earlier,  
Canberra started the second  
half with considerably more  
purpose and a fine Kim Wish-  
art save denied Canberra an  
equaliser after only 10 min-  
utes.

But the writing was on the  
wall and it was no surprise  
when the visitors eventually  
did level the scores, and on  
this occasion Wishart was  
perhaps to blame.

As Byrne floated in a free-  
kick to the near post, Wishart  
yelled "Away!" His defence  
moved out, as ordered, which  
allowed Frank Farina to ghost  
in to the near post to head the  
ball and deviate it just enough  
to beat the City keeper.

City rallied to the Canberra  
challenge, and should have  
wrapped up the match in a  
spell midway through the half.

But Canberra finished the  
stronger of the two sides and  
netted the winner with eight  
minutes to go. And Byrne de-  
served the winner on his fine  
showing once again in Bris-  
bane.

Had City netted the penalty,  
a draw would have been a fair  
result, but there are no  
excuses for a side which does  
not take its chances.

## EGAN OFF TARGET

A.P.I.A. 0  
S.M. Hellas 0

Crowd: 2,500  
Referee: Richie Lorenz 8  
Yellow cards: Bertogna,  
Blair, Butler, Carter, Egan  
Wooddin, Bottalico.

A.P.I.A.: Parks 8, Carter 6,  
Brown 7, Bottalico 6, Mariani  
8, Bertogna 6, Bradley 6,  
Butler 7, Morsello 6, P. Tred-  
nick 7, Sharne 6.

SOUTH MELB. HELLAS:  
Laumets 7, Russell 6, Xantho-  
poulos 7, Blair 7, Davidson 7,  
Hafford 6, Murphy 7, Crino 8,  
Wooddin 7, Yzenoform 7, Egan 5.

Hellas striker Charlie Egan,  
will remember this match  
against APIA for a long time  
for it was Egan who had  
simple opportunities to score  
goals, give Hellas the three  
points and inevitably the  
championship for 1983.

But, alas, it was not his day.  
During the first stanza Egan  
showed little but lived up to  
the second half to elude APIA  
defenders on numerous occasions.

With nine minutes gone in  
the second half it was Oscar  
Crino who pushed a brilliant  
through ball for Egan and  
Parks looked Beaten. Egan  
rounded the keeper, then in-  
explicably shot over the bar.

Midway through this period  
it was Egan yet again, all  
alone and with one player on  
the line — Mark Brown — but  
Egan's shot hit Brown and  
bounced out.



Alex Vesic

With 17 minutes to go Wood-  
din pushed another through  
ball for Egan and the water  
looked open but he went too  
wide then squared the ball into  
the area, only to see Bertogna  
clear.

And while Egan missed, it  
would be fair to say that other  
visiting forwards were in the  
same mood. Wooddin missed  
in the 57th, left-footing past  
the upright, then Steve Blair  
missed after a scrimmage  
inside the box.

With only 10 minutes to go,  
Crino looked set to score fol-  
lowing a free kick by Yzen-  
doorn, but as low shot from  
some seven metres was  
brilliantly saved by Parks,  
then cleared by Mariani with  
Egan just inches short of push-  
ing it into the net.

Well, it was all Hellas in the  
second half, but as so often  
happens in football, nerves  
played the biggest part and those  
Hellas shooters just lost their  
cool when needing it most.

APIA offered a Lambert  
Park covered in flowers with  
grass some six inches tall in  
places, a bumpy surface and  
dressing rooms not fit for the

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Just over 10 years after being expelled from the VSF, Melbourne Croatia is set to stage the most remarkable comeback in Australian soccer history by gaining entry to the most prestigious league in the land — the NSL.

Croatia's history is colorful, to say the least, and confusing too. It involves five clubs — Ukrainian Soccer Club (USC) Lions, Hajduk, Preston, Croat and the club known as Croatia which competed in State League in 1963 and again in 1965, until its controversial exclusion from federation ranks.

It all started with the old Croatia club which was formed back in 1953 and played for two years in the Provisional League. In 1955, Croatia finished second to Brunswick in the old Metropolitan South division while Lions finished second, on goal average, to Coburg in the Metropolitan North division.

Hajduk enters the tale in 1956, winning the Metropolitan North title, with Lions again finishing second on goal average. Hajduk's league success lifted it into the Third Division, finishing fourth in 1957.

Croatia and Lions both competed in the Metro North Division in 1958 and by now, Croatia had moved to North Geelong, where it played at ground No 2 in Separation Street. Hajduk too, had made a move — into the higher standard of First Division North. But that was to be the

# Mergers, success, expulsion

end of Hajduk, which amalgamated with Lions in 1959. The new club was called Lions-Hajduk for just one season, then reverted back to Lions. The merger carried Lions into First Division North, alongside Croatia, which had got there by winning promotion.

At the end of the 1959 season, Croatia was sitting at the top of the table, set for promotion to State League. However, there had been a long dispute over a Preston v Brunswick game that ended in a 1-1 draw. A few weeks after the season's end, the VSF ruled that Brunswick played an ineligible player in that match, therefore the points were awarded to Preston, enabling it to pip Croatia for the title.

This disappointed many Croatia officials, including Enver Begovic, who was later to become chairman of the VSF. Begovic, Radojevic, Marinov and Florescu virtually took over Preston, which had until then been run by Hungarian brothers J. and H. Liepold. Nine players also switched to Preston from Croatia. They included Dukic, Romol, Horvath, Gregovic, Tanjoni and Silvar.

A re-organisation of leagues resulted in Croatia playing in First Division North in 1960, and Lions playing in Second Division North. Croatia finished the season in fifth spot, while Lions clinched the championship.

So Lions joined Croatia in First Division North for the 1961 season. Meanwhile, Preston had finished second bottom in State League in 1960 and was relegated to First Division South for the 1961 season. That was when Preston became Preston Croatia, meaning that you had Croatia and Lions in the north division and Preston-Croatia in the south.

Lions won First Division North in 1961 by a point from Fiorentina. Croatia was a further two points away in third spot. Preston-Croatia won First Division South by nine points from Brighton. So both Lions and Preston-Croatia had won to promotion to State League for the 1962 season.

Feeling left out, Croatia moved away from Geelong to the Maribyrnong Speedway, determined to be successful. Frank Burin was Croatia's president in 1962. Other officials included Tony Duraj, Branko Trostok, T. Jakobovic, I. Matkovic, V. Simek, S. Silver, J. Jakovljevic, N. Matijevic, P. Madzar and N. Drk.

Preston Croatia also made a major change, dropping its old name and adopting the name "Croat" instead.

While Croat and Lions struggled in State League in 1962, finishing third last and second last respectively, Croatia won the First Division North title, finishing with 39 points, five more than Box Hill.

Now the Croatian community was faced with the prospect of having two clubs in State League. That was out of the question, as one would rob the other of support. The problem was solved by amalgamation. The new Croatia club stayed at the Maribyrnong Speedway. Begovic was president, Burin was secretary, Harry Mrska was treasurer and I. Marinovic was chairman.

Lions switched to Montgomery Park, Essendon, and was later to be known as Essendon Lions.

Lions finished the 1963 State League season in eighth spot but Croatia finished second last, ahead of Richmond. Begovic and Richmond boss Adam Pfeiffer, took legal action against the VSF, claiming that there had been an agreement that the two last-placed clubs should have the right to play off against clubs coming up, to decide the promotion-relegation set-up.

The VSF argued that no such agreement existed and won, meaning Croatia and Richmond had to take the big drop.

Croatia, featuring many top players including the Vojtek brothers — Bill and Jim — Horst Rau and Ollie Norris, won the First Division championship and was promoted back to State League for the 1965 season.



## Frank Burin: Mackay best

Former president, secretary and team manager, Frank Burin, says that Croatia will be one of the few NSL clubs next year, able to draw fans at away games as well as at home.

"There are well established Croatian communities in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra and these people will come to watch us for sure," said Burin.

"I did the final draft of our application for NSL inclusion next year and I pointed out that we have the resources and the capacity to go into the National League and assist and contribute to the development of soccer in Australia."

Burin presently is on the State League board of man-

agement, the full VSF board of management and is the federation's second delegate to the ASF executive. He has served on various VSF sub-committees and was chairman of the state squad sub-committee in 1980 and 1981. With the exception of a short period in 1981, Burin has represented Croatia at VSF level since 1976.

He was born in Zadar in Croatia in 1938. He spent a year and a half in Italy before coming to Australia in 1957. Shortly after his arrival, he became involved with Croatia, which then was based in Geelong. The club made Melbourne its headquarters at the end of 1961 and Burin was club president in 1962. He served as secretary from 1963 to 1970, didn't seek re-election in 1971 but was called back to the club late that year to take on the team manager's duties.

Croatia's expulsion from the VSF in 1972 ended Burin's involvement in administration until the club

was resurrected in 1976 by its takeover of Essendon Lions, with Burin as team manager and VSF delegate.

Burin is a senior employment officer with the commonwealth department of employment and industrial relations, a time consuming job which will curtail the involvement he'd like to have with Croatia in the NSL next year.

Croatia, just after clinching the 1983 State League Cup. Back row: Eddie Musferovic (committee), Oslaf Latif, Drago Deankovic, Ante Bilaver, Steve Gajovic, Rob McIlrae, Jozo Antolovic, Peter Blasby, George Hannah, Joe Sigur (president), Vlado Pras (team manager). Front row: Frank Zepovic (committee), Zdravko Jurisic, Keith Adams (captain), Tommy Cumming (coach), Josip Biskic, Jeff Faulkner, Marty Bazic, David Brogan, Tony Curcio.



## MEET THE PLAYERS

who generals the side from the back. Reads play extremely well, a ferocious tackler and great clubman, he was signed from Ringwood Wilhelmia in 1979 for \$2,500. Has represented Victoria. Now well established as one of the finest sweepers in State League.

**ANTO ANTOLOVIC (defender):** Croatia's longest-serving present player. He joined Lions from Shepparton City in 1974, a year before Croatia took over Lions. A very tough player whose ability on the ball often is underestimated. A loyal servant to the club and a fine competitor.

**JOSEPH CURCIO (defender):** Signed from Juventus for \$3,000 in 1982. Skilful and very fast. Recoverers well. Seen at his best overlapping and whenever he plays right back, his partnership with Josip Biskic down that flank has been one of Croatia's strengths.

**SEAN PARTON (defender):** A real bargain buy. Signed from J.U.S.T. for \$300 last year. Was playing with Dandenong City in 1979 when he linked up with Steve Blair to form a formidable defensive barrier for the Victorian youth team which won the national championship. Made his mark in State League in 1980 with Frankston City as a right back. Switched to J.U.S.T., the following year but never got a chance to show his worth. Has been a tremendous replacement for stalwart stopper Steve Kokoska, who retired at the end of last season.

**KEITH ADAMS (defender):** Captain and sweeper. The man

standing right sided attacking midfielder in the league this season.

**JOZO ANTOLOVIC (midfielder):** Signed from NK Olimpija Osijek last year. Adds bite to Croatia in midfield but let's not forget that this tall, athletic player is skilful too. His partnership with Biskic is a delight to watch and he has had a consistent season.

**JEFF FAULKNER (midfielder):** Hit a low in 1981 when he was virtually discarded by Preston Macedonia for the latter part of the season. Joined Croatia in 1982 for a \$5,000 transfer fee and has regained the prestige he had enjoyed with Macedonia's State League championship winning team of 1980. A talented and intelligent player.

**STEVE GAJEVIC (midfielder):** At just 18, this immensely skilful and elegant youngster is widely tipped to become one of the finest players in Australian soccer. His performance in the State League Cup final against Ajax had to be seen to be believed. What a future he's got! He's a product of Croatia's juniors.

**DAVID BROGAN (forward):** Croatia's leading scorer for the

past two seasons with 18 league goals in 1982 and 21 this year. Signed from Croydon City in 1981 for \$6,500 and has represented Victoria. Comes off defenders well, gets his turns in and is a deadly finisher. A top flight striker.

**TOMMY CUMMING (forward):** Hailed as the best player in Australia a couple of years ago even though he has yet to play in the National League. An aggressive runner, skilful too, respected by every defender he comes up against. Took over as player-coach recently and leads the only way he knows how — by example. One of the outstanding players to play in this country in the past decade.

**OSIE LATIF (forward):** Signed from Keilor Austria in 1982 for \$7,000, a huge sum for a teenager. Still is developing and has an outstanding future. He is reputed to have the hardest shot in the league and has represented Victoria at youth level.

**DRAGO DEANKOVIC (utility):** Joined from NK Rijeka last year. Can play either in defence or up front. He was injured earlier this year and was unavailable for over 10 games. He joined Croatia with a

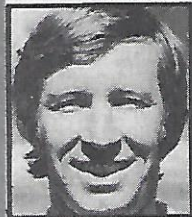
big reputation and if fit, could live up to it next season.

**RICHIE MC CLUNIE (forward):** Signed from Morf Falcons this year for a \$3,000 transfer fee. Tall, lanky, good the air, but has great close control, a feature of his game; often appreciated. Has found his team chances hard to come by this season but is a proven State League goalscorer.

**GEORGE RADMAN (defender):** A product of Croatia's juniors. This tall, strong central defender is just 18 and still developing. Is being groomed to take over as stopper in the first team and has represented Victoria junior level.

**MARTY BOZIC (defender):** Other junior product. Has been playing sweeper in the reserve this season, the position he seems suited to. Before that, played in midfield. He reads play well and has fine ball disposal skilful player and one which club hopes will develop into regular first teamer.

**ROBERT MARKOVAC (forward):** Many good judges of play talent think that 16-year-old Markovac will be an outstanding performer. He was in the Victorian youth team which won the national youth championship Canberra earlier this year. A promising striker with a genuine goalscoring record in junior soccer.



Jimmy Mackay



Billy Vojtek

## Annual meeting Nov 20

Croatia is administered by an eight-man executive committee, headed by president Joe Sigur, who runs Victoria Smallgoods.

Sigur's vice-presidents are Steve Mandekic, a petrol station proprietor, and Chris Govic, a building contractor. Eddie Musferovic, a supervisor with a machinery company, is club secretary.

## A party!

Croatia players, officials, wives and girlfriends will be guests of Mato Jurisic, licensee of the Pier Hotel in Williamstown, this Sunday.

His assistant, Marijan Gama, is a building contractor.

Davor Filipovic, an engineer, is club treasurer. His assistant, Steve Barac, is an electrical contractor.

The other executive member is team manager Vlado Pras.

Croatia will hold its annual general meeting at the Croatian community club in Footscray, on November 20, starting at 3pm. The club's annual presentation night will be held at Broadmeadows Town Hall on November 19. The night kicks off at 7pm and runs till 2am.

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# , then a great comeback

that year, 1965, was the turning point for both Croatia (Lions). It pointed Croatia towards success and Lions to total failure.

Croatia started the season by losing six of its first seven games. It's reply was to spend five thousand pounds (a massive sum in those days) on new players and it finished season in sixth spot.

Liamy McMeekhan, Bobby McLachlan, Bill McIntyre, Brian Adlam, Joe Keenan, Ian Currie and Duncan Kay were bought in one of the biggest and best bargains yet in the Victorian transfer market.

McMeekhan finished the season as Croatia's leading player. Other players that year were Wright, Rau, Bot, Si, Matijevic, Chetkovi, Kovacek and Billy Vojtek. The at Jimmy Mackay joined at the end of the season.

Lions finished second last. The final table read: Hellas points: George Cross 32; Juventus 30; Slavia 29; S.T. 26; Croatia 25; Hakoah 23; Polonia 21; Wilhelmina 18; Melbourne 12; Lions 8; Triestina 6.

Croatia consolidated in State League in 1966 and finished third in 1967 while Lions finished third bottom.

In the following year, 1968, was filled with success for Croatia. The club won its first State League title, and

added the Dockerty and Ampol Cup to its honors list. Croatia finished the league season with 33 points, followed by Polonia on 26, Hellas on 25 and Hakoah and Lions both on 24.

In 1969, Croatia retained the Dockerty Cup, beating Juventus 3-1 in the final. However, Croatia had to be content with finishing in fourth place in the league.

In 1970, Croatia featured Ray Wixey, Bobby Symington, Brian Williams, Ivica Turic and Joe Rahner, in addition to regulars Vojtek, Mackay, Gunn, McIntyre, McArthur and Kovacek. It also was the year Frank Bot retired.

Croatia finished fourth in the league while Lions were near the foot of the table.

The following year, 1971, was the most disastrous in Lions' history. The team went 15 games before scoring its only win of the season and it took 873 minutes of play before Eddie Butler managed the team's first goal of the league season.

Lions 0-6 loss to Wilhelmina was the biggest of the season. In recording only one win and scoring just 10 goals, Lions created record "lows" which still stand. While Hellas recorded only one win this season, it scored 23 goals. In 1973, Box Hill finished the season with just two points: both from draws, but scored 12 goals.

Croatia, on the other hand, enjoyed success in 1971. It started off by winning the Ampol Cup final 5-1 against J.U.S.T. Croatia also won the Intercity Ampol Cup against Western Suburbs of Sydney, with McIntyre notching a hat-trick. And in the State League Cup final, Croatia downed Hellas 3-2.

While Croatia finished the league in third spot, it won the reserves title on goal average from Wilhelmina and Hellas.

Croatia started the 1972 season by winning the Ampol Cup but this was to be the last year of the club's existence until late 1975.

Everything went smoothly until there was a crowd disturbance during a match at Olympic Park against Hakoah. As a result, the VSF expelled Croatia from the federation. Croatia fought the decision through legal channels but to no avail.

Meanwhile, Lions struggled in First Division, finishing third last.

Croatia, of course, lost many star players. Vojtek went to Sydney Croatia, Mackay to Hakoah-Sydney, McIntyre to Hellas and Kondarios, Turic and Hadjivadi to Kellor-Australia.

Although they no longer had a soccer team, Croatia of-

ficials continued to have weekly meetings every Tuesday, as well as picnics and other social functions, waiting for an opportunity to get back into soccer.

In July, 1974, Tony Vrzina was appointed coach of Lions. It was a move which eventually led to the Croatian take-over of Lions. That take-over was completed in 1975. A total of \$25,000 was handed to the Victorian committee as compensation for the money it had spent on Montgomery Park, Essendon.

A new committee was setup involving people connected with the defunct Croatia club. Vrzina was president-manager and Duz Zemunik was coach. The first thing the new club's leaders did was to change the team's colors from gold and blue to the Croatian colors of red, white and blue. Essendon Croatia finished sixth in 1975.

At the start of 1976, former Croatia junior, Branko Culina, was transferred from St. Albans. Vrzina also negotiated the purchase of dual Rothmans Medalist John Gardiner for \$6,000 from George Cross, the highest transfer fee paid by a Metro club.

Croatia finished third in the league and reached the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup. As a result of the formation of the National League, the top four First Division clubs were drafted into the State League for 1977. Essendon Croatia was one of them. The others were Altona, Frankston City and Green Gully Ajax.

Ivan Luburic had headed the committee in 1976 but stepped down during 1977. Joe Sigur was the new president. Frank Burin was team manager.

Croatia's comeback almost was complete. In just five years, it had got back into State League and was about to set the Victorian soccer scene alight with one of the most amazing trophy hauls in the history of the game in that State.

Sigur left the committee in 1978 and Joe Solic was president in 1979. Ivan Marin was president in 1980 and for a short period in 1981, Ivan Pavlovic was at the helm until Sigur's return.

During this period a host of good players wore Croatia colors as the club came to be recognised as the leading light in State League. These players included Gardiner, Steve Kokoska, Ivan Grujicic, Brian Davidson, Yacka Banovic, Eddie Krncevic, Alan Kerr, Kenny Murphy, Steve Short, Carl Gilder, Noel Mitten, Joe Tront, Keith Adams, Tommy Cumming, David Brogan, Grant Smart, John Kennedy, Howard Jandrevics, Ante Blavner, George McMillan, Paddy Bannan, and a host of others.

Gardiner was player-coach in 1978 until a dispute arose between him and the club and Bill McArthur became coach. Croatia won its second State League championship and also won the Ampol and State League Cups.

Brian Edgley was coach in 1979, until being replaced by Gardiner in July of that year. Croatia was third in the league when Gardiner took over but eventually won the title for a second successive season. Krncevic was transferred to Marconi for \$9,000 and Yacka Banovic, that outstanding goalkeeper, joined Heidelberg in a deal involving cash and the appearance of goalkeeper Peter Blasby in Croatia colors.

For the second successive year, Cumming won the Rothmans Medal. Gardiner was still player-coach in 1980. While Croatia had to settle for runner-up spot in the league, it was hailed as the State League king that year. It was crowned State League club Heidelberg Alexander 2-1 in the final of the Ampol Cup with goals from Gilder and Murphy. Then came perhaps the most incredible Dockerty Cup final ever. Croatia was facing up to Juventus and although Croatia started favorite, no-one envisaged a stunning 4-0 scoreline at the end of this match.

But Cumming wasn't there to take part in the Dockerty and State League Cup wins. He had been injured in a Soccer training camp in Sydney, aggravated the serious pelvic complaint playing for Victoria against AC Milan early in the season and was to be sidelined until the start of this year.

Gardiner joined Green Gully Ajax at the start of the 1981 season and Rocco Ile was coach du shortly after the Ampol Cup, Ile and the committee underwent an upheaval. Sigur took over again as president and Len McKendry became coach.

Paddy Bannan had been signed from Heidelberg Alexander for the 1981 season and after McKendry left to return to Heidelberg Alexander, the club he had led to victory in the 1980 National League top four series, was one Croatia's five coaches that season. The others, apart from McKendry and Ile, were Duz Zemunik and Fred Bunce.

McArthur was coach once more in 1982. For about 12 games. He refused to lose sole selection responsibility and was replaced by Mijo Kis, who had coached Croatia 10 years earlier.

Croatia finished second in the league, its third successive such placing. Gardiner was signed as player-coach for this season.

Again Croatia finished second. Gardiner was sacked, along with assistant coaches George Train and Joe Spolar, just three weeks ago and Tommy Cumming appointed to take over for the State League Cup and Dockerty Cup.

So far, Cumming has enjoyed great success. Croatia walked arch rival Ajax 4-0 in the State League Cup final with outstanding displays from Josip Biskic, Steve Golevic, Jeff Faulkner and Jozo Antolovic.

— LAURIE SCHWAB & CRAIG MAKKENZIE

# THE CROATIA

## Sigur wants to win NSL title

Joe Sigur, 44, set to become the first president to lead Melbourne Croatia into the National League, says that his club will be the biggest in Australia in a few years and won't rule out the possibility of Croatia winning the National League championship at its first attempt.

"First you need luck, then you need to be very, very good. We need two, maybe three players at the most. We have some players in mind but we'll have to wait and see what our coach for next year thinks. We've spoken to a few people about the coaching position but we won't make a final decision for a while yet," said Sigur.

"We won't be changing our name for anybody though. We are Croatia. That's the way it always will be. We offer the National League a high standard of skillful soccer, and a huge following. We deserve to compete with the best."

"I'm just sorry that we've had to wait this long before getting a real chance to go into the National League. When I look back, I realise that I made a mistake when I left the committee in 1978. If I had been president in 1980 we would have been included in the National League before Preston Makedonia."

Sigur was born in Patrinja in Croatia. He spent six months in Austria in 1961 before coming to Australia and joined the committee of Croatia soccer club in 1964, serving the club faithfully until its expulsion from the VSF in 1972.

"We know who the people responsible for that are and they should be ashamed of

themselves. I felt sick at the time. It's hard to put into words. It was a very sad way for a top club to finish, but we stuck together and we never gave up. That's why we are where we are today. I'm proud of my club and the people involved in making it great again."

Sigur first became president in 1977. He was confident in his ability to do the job but he resigned in 1978.

"A few people upset me at the time. I had done so much for the club but some people didn't respect me for that. I decided to concentrate on my business interests."

Sigur returned early in 1981 after a committee upheaval which saw president Ivan Pavlovic standing down. Sigur took over for his second term as president.

"I really missed not being officially involved with the club over these few years. I love soccer. That's the only sport I follow. I don't gamble and I have few other interests. Soccer is part of my life. When some people got together and asked me to come back I was happy to do so."

Sigur felt that changes had to be made. He felt that the players were unhappy. Rocco Ile had resigned after the Ampol Cup series and Duz Zemunik was caretaker coach. The crowd had dwindled, with star players like Billy Vojtek, Yacka Banovic and Eddie Krncevic transferred to other clubs. Sigur had to act and act quickly.

Sigur and his committee hired Len McKendry as coach. "I thought that McKendry was a good coach. That's why we hired him. I still say that he's a good coach. We had problems with the players then too. Some had been with the club a long time and it was hard to change their attitude. They had to be replaced and that's eventually what we did."

When McKendry left to rejoin Heidelberg Alexander, Paddy Bannan took over as

player-coach. When negotiations between Bannan and Sigur's committee over a more permanent appointment broke down, Fred Bunce was hired. He lasted one game. Croatia hammered Sunshine City 5-1 but Bunce was sacked.

"We had a meeting with Bunce when we gave him the job and we told him that we were having problems with some players, especially Carl Gilder. It wasn't a matter of committee interference. We have the right to suspend players and Gilder was suspended from the first team. Bunce seemed to accept that but when I got to the game on Sunday, Gilder was on the bench for the first time. I couldn't believe it. Then

Gilder started warming up late in the game. That was enough for me. Bunce had to go."

Bill McArthur was hired as coach in 1982. Croatia was on top of the league after eight games, two points clear of Ajax. Then it lost 4-2 to Ajax at Green Gully Reserve. McArthur was told to accept a selection panel after the match. He refused. He was sacked.

"Even though we were on top of the league when McArthur left, a blind man could see that there were problems with the team. We hired Mr Kis and I have to tell you that he is an absolute gentleman. He's the best coach I've seen over the years, but he had been away from soccer for a long time

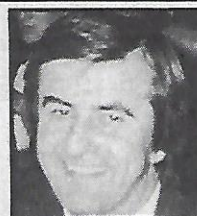
and it's not easy to come back into the game and start up from where you left off."

Kis left at the end of last year. John Gardiner returned as player-coach after two seasons with Ajax.

"Johnny Gardiner told me that he wasn't fit enough to play but if he had been fit he could have played easily. That might have made a difference this year. I'm not sure."

Gardiner's sacking three weeks ago probably ended his association with Croatia which goes back to 1976 when the club bought him from George Cross.

Sigur's association goes back to 1964 and will continue for many years to come.



Joe Sigur

# Stars of the future



Croatia's outstanding under-13 team which won the Super League title and Northern Regional Cup this year. Back row: M. Hrkac (team manager), A. Grpic, N. Koljic, M. Hrkac, F. Valentic, A. Stipic, P. Krcajic, R. Karozza, F. Monforte (coach). Front row: A. Kralovic, K. Marovic, K. Cerin, J. Lipari, J. Jurcic, T. Magdic. Missing: R. Gaspar. This was Croatia's first year in the under-13 Super League and what a successful one it

was! Ascot Vale Pizza Restaurant donated a new strip for the boys and for that, the club is most grateful.

The season started on a sour note, when Richard Gaspar broke his leg in the first league game. Coach Monforte, team manager Hrkac and all the lads, wish Richard well and they're looking forward to seeing him back in action next year.

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| 1968 - State League champion, Dockerty Cup winner, Ampol Cup winner, beaten finalist in Intercity Ampol Cup. | 1979 - State League champion, Dockerty Cup winner, State League Cup winner.                    |
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| 1972 - Ampol Cup winner, beaten finalist in Intercity Ampol Cup.   | 1982 - Runner-up Dockerty Cup, runner-up State League.   |
| 1977 - Ampol Cup winner, Armstrong Cup winner.   | 1983 - State League Cup winner, runner-up, State League.                                       |



# Great game and great crowd, let's do it again

## Croatia 1 Melita Eagles 1

Scores: Farrugia 15',  
Marian Kovacic 52'.

**CROATIA:** Watson, Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterray, Vasic, Razo (Davis), Savor, Arnold, Kovacic, Hensman (Radman).

**MELITA EAGLES:** A. McPherson, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley (McCoy), Griffiths, Farnsworth, McAusland (Duar-te), Farrugia, McKie, Jamieson.

Croatia and Melita Eagles will have to do it all again at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday. After 90 minutes of football last weekend the two sides were locked together and extra time could not provide us with the winner.

It was a brilliant game with Croatia having the upper hand, then Melita, during the normal period then Melita having it all its own way in extra time.

Such was the entertainment that nearly all of the 10,000 people at the Sydney Sports Ground stood up to applaud the heroes. Marian Kovacic, the ex-Yugal president, was so impressed, that he compared Melita's display to that of the great Yugal

## NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

side of the early sixties. And he certainly wasn't wrong!

Both sides started like express trains attempting to subdue each other as early as possible.

Graeme Arnold was the first to try his luck with a hard shot which just missed, then came Melita's goal. Following a free kick from Farrugia from 25 metres, the ball took a deflection from the defensive wall and deceived Watson in goal. While Watson went to his right the ball sailed through the middle much to the delight of this large Maltese contingent at the North-western part of the ground.

Melita stormed Watson's goal and soon after it was Billy Griffith who broke through to face an empty net but missed from 14 metres.

At the other end, McPherson had his hands full saving from Hensman, then Razo.

Brett Woods had his shot go over the bar, while at the other end, Micky Cross wasted his good run by shooting well over.

Croatia managed to score after 20 minutes

through Hensman after some good work by Arnold but the goal was cancelled for offside.

Action was thick and fast in the closing stages of the first half with McAusland shooting over the bar at one end, then Hensman heading over after Arnold and Savor provided the spade work.

With 10 minutes remaining in this half it was Hensman who broke through after beating Williams, to go to the by-line then cross into the box for Marian Kovacic to head past the post from only five metres out.

The second half provided some delightful football with Melita having far more say in the proceedings but failing to a goal by Kovacic then having to go into extra time.

It was then that Melita showed distinct superiority and certainly had Watson worried. Wayne Farnsworth could have sealed the game for Melita twice. On both occasions he had only Watson to beat but shot well over.

With Croatia defending grimly, it was time for Watson to show his wares and he was in brilliant touch to deny Melita any access to his net. At the other end, McPherson anticipated well to deny Redman after the tall striker beat Williams on the left hand side to face Melita's goal. However he went wide and McPherson managed to block the shot with a brave dive.

With only four minutes remaining, Griffith, Melita's star player, took the ball just inside his half and stormed forward. He was fouled badly by Woods and had to receive attention. Woods received a yellow card while Melita had the free kick.

From the ensuing play, Farnsworth received a pass inside the area. He quickly turned Tomasic to face Watson then blast his shot well over the bar from only eight metres out.

To be fair, had Farnsworth scored, it would not be undeserving but after a match like this there should not be a inner — in fact the only winner on the day was the great game of football and one must only

hope that the two sides continue to display this sort of stuff in the National League next year.

Griffith and Kovacic stood tall but you could hardly point to a player who failed on the day.

## Second Grade

### Sutherland 1 Blacktown 0

Scorer: Hargreaves 41'.

**SUTHERLAND:** Bart, Foster, Nelson, Higgins, Parsons, Fuller, Sole, Rogers, Hargreaves, Johnston, Cooper.

**BLACKTOWN:** Freeman, Kirwan, Shaw, Purcell, Falzon, Lumsdaine, Pearson, Thornthwaite, Rolfe, Campbell, Wellbourne.

## Third Grade

### Canterbury 0 Croatia 3

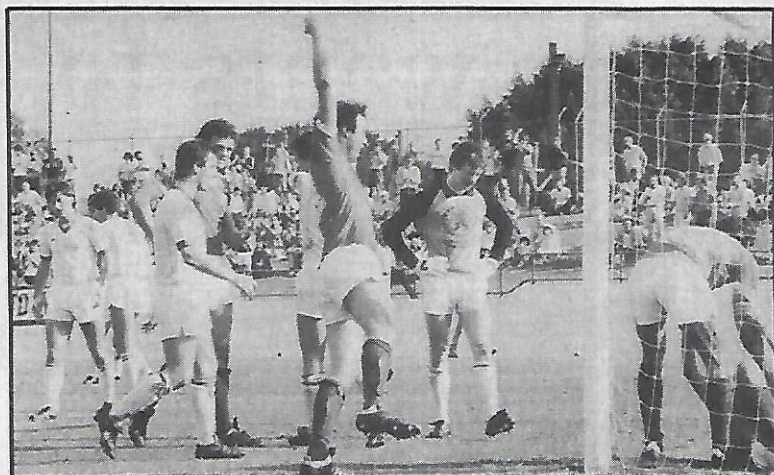
Scorers: 20' Caleta, 23 Pevic, 52' Pevic.

**CROATIA:** Bassioli, Kovic, Mouawad, Samrdzic, Ivanic, Lerotic, Rato, Vassilov, (Macek), Caleta, Pevic, Dugic.

**CANTERBURY:** Voudgis, Bortolin, Welsh, Lubonic, D'Imperio, Nicopolous, Beddoni, (Toms), Angelis, Andreopoulos, Barakat (Papas), Fternatis.



Melita Eagles goalie Alex McPherson (second from right) punches clear under pressure from Graeme Arnold of Croatia (right) and team mate Col McAusland. In the background is Melita star Alex Jamieson. Pictures by ANTON CERMAK.



It's all square now at 1-1. At right, Wally Savor (Croatia) is picking team mate and scorer Marian Kovacic out of the net while Peter Hensman's raised, clenched fist says it all.

## Auburn takes in Uruguay

Yet another State League club in NSW has amalgamated in an effort to help boost its gate takings.

Auburn will be known next season as Auburn-Uruguay, after the two sides amalgamated last week.

According to Fred Parker, Auburn club spokesman, Auburn has amalgamated with the largest ethnic group not represented in the National or State League.

A big group of South American migrants live in the area south of Sydney, predominantly in Fairfield, Granville and Merrylands.

Auburn-Uruguay is soon to appoint a coach for the 1984 season but it appears that Ljubo Gokovic has the numbers to take the job. With trials to be conducted soon in order to select a new squad for the 1984 season, it is obvious that the new club is starting its build-up early, hoping for an improved season in 1984.

This is the second merger in the State League this year. Bankstown already has signed its agreement with National Sports, taking in the large Lebanese community. The new club will be known as Bankstown-National. — ALEX VESIC.

**Hennessey**  
wants to  
coach here

Terry Hennessey, recently named Coach of the Year in the North American Soccer League, wants to coach in Australia.

Hennessey coached Tulsa Roughnecks to a 2-0 win in Soccer Bowl '83 over Toronto Blizzard recently.

His son, Dean, plays in the Victorian State League with Albion Rovers.

## Hat-trick heroes

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## Celtic dance

Metropolitan First Division club Kew Celtic will hold its annual presentation night at Camellot receptions on Melbourne Cup eve, Monday, October 31.

Tickets are \$55 a double and can be booked by phoning Pat McPherson on 805 8242.

## Rossi, Conti struggle as Sweden hammers Italy

Sweden finally ended Italy's remote European championship hopes with a fully-merited 3-0 victory in front of 70,000 stunned fans in Naples to boost its own chances of qualifying for next summer's finals.

The Swedes have finished their group five program with 11 points from eight games and stand two points ahead of Romania, which has two matches still to play.

They dominated proceedings from the kick-off and the demoralised Italians, fielding only four of the side which won the World Cup in Spain last year, were lucky to escape so lightly.

Benfica striker Glenn Stromberg was a constant menace to the Italian defence and he gave Sweden a 2-0 lead at the interval with goals in the 20th and 27th minutes.

And any thoughts the world champions entertained of staging a second half comeback were shattered in the 71st minute when Thomas Sunesson breached the once-redoubtable Italian defence for the third time.

## Sorry mate, but you're sacked

The Melbourne Croatia committee knew that George Train had done a fine job this year as assistant coach to John Gardiner, nevertheless, when it decided to axe Gardiner it swung the blade in Train's direction too.

Croatia's other assistant coach at the time, Joe Spoljar, also was sacked.

Gardiner employed Train earlier this year after Hammy McMeekan left to take over the Juventus reserves. Like Gardiner, Train was on a verbal contract.

The average age of Croatia's reserves this year was 17. Richie McClune, signed from Morwell Falcons early in the season, was the "veteran" of the reserve side which, under Train's guidance, won the league championship by four points. In the process, McClune scored 21 goals.

Croatia president Joe Sigur apologised for having to sack me but the committee felt that because me and Joe

Spoljar sacked John, we had to go", said Train.

Train, 35, came to Australia from Scotland in 1970. He spent five seasons with Slavia, two with Croatia, two with Altona City, then joined Sunbury won the Provisional League championship in Train's first year, won promotion from Metro Fourth Division with a runner-up league finish in his second year and finished 10th in Third Division in Train's third and final year.

Train played with Kew City this year while coaching Croatia's reserves.

Stromberg punished the fragile Italian defence with two perfect examples of high-class finishing. His first came from a powerful shot on the run and he followed that up seven minutes later when he collected a pass on the left and lashed the ball past advancing goalkeeper Ivano Bordon.

Italy's formerly impregnable defence was left in disarray yet again when Sunesson took the tally to three, flicking home a cross from the right.

Manager Enzo Bearzot, who has brought in a number of new faces as Italy build for the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, will have much to ponder.

Paolo Rossi and Bruno Conti endured a miserable afternoon against the towering Swedish back four while Stromberg and Robert Prytz controlled the midfield.

Swedish manager Lars Arnesson diplomatically declined to comment on Italy's performance and said: "A coach watches his own side so I can't comment on Italy."

Asked if he thought he had made a mistake in his choice of players, Bearzot replied: "Who am I supposed to experiment with, then? The old world champions? Its early days yet. We are building for 1986."

## Victorian Cups

**Armstrong Cup**  
Semi-finals: Northcote 3  
Thomastown 2; Green Gully  
Ajax 0 Juventus 0 AET, Ajax  
won 4-2 on penalties.

**Provisional League  
Reserve Cup**  
Semi-finals: Yarraville  
defeated Brunswick City 6-5 on  
penalties, Springvale United 2  
Mordialloc-Clarinada 3 AET.

**Amateur League  
Reserve Cup**  
Semi-finals: West United 1  
Chadstone 2, Maccabi Hakohah  
1 Vermont 3.

**Amateur League  
Senior Cup**  
Semi-finals: Westall 3 Ascot  
Vale City 4 AET, South Park-  
more 4 Philip United 0.  
The final of both the reserve  
and senior Amateur League  
Cups will be played as a double  
header this Sunday, October  
23, at Rosanna's home ground,  
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The Reserve Cup final  
starts at 1pm, followed by the  
Senior Cup final.

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# It's Croatia by a whisker, Hillmen to make history

Les Shorrocks and Jack Stephen should be made honorary life members of Box Hill and Ringwood Wilhelmina, for it was these two soccer scribes who made the draw for Sunday's Dockerty Cup semi-final double header at Olympic Park.

Shorrocks and Stephen were invited to make the draw last Sunday after the Olympic Park quarter-finals. Others present were VSF secretary George Wallace, Ajax's secretary Arnold Langer, Croatia's State League delegate, Frank Burin, and VSF publicity officer, Lou Stafrace.

While only too willing to witness a fair and open draw, it was a slightly peeved Shorrocks who told me later: "They used Jack Stephen's deerslayer hat in preference to my turtan bonnet!"

Stephen had first pick, drawing Wilhelmina's name out of his hat. Shorrocks was next and out came Box Hill's name. Langer and Burin were dumbfounded. A VSF official faintly. Shorrocks jokingly suggested that he could drop Box Hill's name back into the hat and have another pick. But the other witnesses refused to fiddle the draw.

"Now you can go back to your paper and tell them that we don't fix Dockerty Cup draws," said Wallace to Shorrocks.

Not now, and may the days of such fixing rest in ever lasting peace. So we find ourselves with Croatia and Ajax, the two glamour teams of State League, clashing in the second semi-final on Sunday.

Shorrocks tips an Ajax victory. "Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab says that Croatia will win. Peter Desira went for Box Hill. Really. He scratched his head, re-adjusted his glasses about five times, wrinkled his brow, then refused to make a prediction about the Croatia v Ajax clash.

Clever bloke that Desira. I wish I was able to wriggle out of this as easily.

This will be one of the highlights of the season. There can be little doubt about that. The key to this game could lie at the feet (the foot, to be more accurate) of Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming. He'll have to play and play well, if Croatia is to win.

Cumming didn't seem in any discomfort during Croatia's 4-0 State League Cup final victory against Ajax, despite needing a cortisone injection before the match due to a hairline fracture in a foot. He had planned to rest the injury until the final, expected to be against Ajax until the Shorrocks-Stephen gang pulled off their coup last weekend.

Cumming now has been forced to play. If he can perform, Croatia can win. I'm convinced that the team isn't nearly as effective or confident without Cumming. Jeff

## Moncur

Bobby Moncur, the former Newcastle United and Scotland defender, has quit as manager of Plymouth Argyle and get a \$40,000 handshake into the bargain. New Plymouth boss may be Alan Dicks who was manager of Bristol City for about 12 years and has recently been in charge of Greek club Ethnikos.

## Mooroolbark

Metro Fourth Division outfit Mooroolbark will hold a Nostalgia Night in its Esther Park clubrooms on Saturday, October 29. The present clubrooms are soon to be demolished and new rooms, valued at about \$150,000, built.

Mooroolbark past players will take on the club's present players at 4 pm on the Saturday. The Nostalgia Night kicks off at 8 pm for \$4 a head. A band and full canteen facilities will be in operation.



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Faulkner too will be back after missing the quarter-final against Morwell through suspension. That means Croatia will be at full strength.

Croatia was prepared to mix it with aggressive Ajax in the State League Cup and will have to do so again. But at this time, Ajax will be at full strength. In the State League Cup final, Willie Vassallo, Ajax's Player of the Year, was unavailable and young Fabio Mancinelli played.

Ajax won't be caught on the hop here. It knows that Croatia players are prepared to get stuck in. Nevertheless, if Cumming does well, I'm going for Croatia. By a whisker.

The first semi-final at headquarters, featuring Ringwood Wilhelmina and Box Hill, kicks off at 1.15 pm.

# McGuinness sent off

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 MORWELL FALCONS 0.** After extra time, Croatia won 4-2 on penalties. Dockerty Cup quarter-final. Second game of a double header at Olympic Park, Sunday. Referee: Upjohn 7.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Blasby 7 - Curcio 6, Hannah 7, Parton 7, Blaver 5 - Bliskic 6, Antolovic 7, Adams 8, Goljovic 5 - Lefit 5, Brogan 7. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

**MORWELL FALCONS:** Whiteside 9 - Plummer 7, Irvine 7 (inj), Leckie 27th, Miller 8, Tan 8, Bingham 8, Young 8, MacLean 7, T. van Baar 7 (inj), Constable 61st - Mitten 8, McGuinness (sent off 27th), Cochrane 7. Coach: Tony Boggi.

When striker Bobby McGuinness was sent off for alleged foul and abusive language in the 27th minute he took with him whatever chance Morwell Falcons had of winning this game in normal time.

Nevertheless, Falcons fought and fought hard against the almost constant pounding from Croatia for the remainder of this match and eventually went down in a penalty shoot-out.

This was a very determined Morwell side. Indeed, the spirit displayed by the Falcons players could have been put to good use earlier this season and there can be little doubt that if these players had shown such fight consistently this season, Falcons would have finished far higher up the State League ladder.

Brilliantly led by goalkeeper Bill Whiteside, playing probably his last game with Morwell, the Latrobe Valley outfit, once reduced to 10 men, simply refused to give in and Croatia was unable to exploit its numerical superiority.

This probably was coach Tony Boggi's last game in charge of Falcons. The club recently flew Jimmy Dunne out from the U.K. to interview him for the coaching position for next year and it is believed that Dunne has accepted the job.

Falcons' best chance of the match fell in the

# Six magic minutes from Ajax

**GREEN GULLY AJAX 3 (Boyle 55th; Toal 58th, Paul Lewis 61st) CROYDON CITY 0.** Dockerty Cup quarter-final. First game of a double header at Olympic Park, Sunday. Referee: Fokianos 7.

**GREEN GULLY AJAX:** Denys 9 - Peter Lewis 6, Short 8, Donald 7, Hughes 6 - Vassallo 6, Boyle 9, Williams 7 - Toal 7, Smallman 6, Paul Lewis 6. Coach: David Smallman.

**CROYDON CITY:** Kastner 5 - Marley 6, Singleton 6, Dobson 5, Hobson 7 - Brown 7, Rooney 7 (Rainey 65th), Wade 7 - Irvine 7, Sweeney 8, Macleod 6 (L. Loughnane 65th). Coach: Ted Dilworth.

It took six minutes of Ajax magic to win the club's semi-final berth. In that time, three goals were scored and Croydon's hopes of an upset were dashed.

Ajax looked a lacklustre outfit in the first half while Croydon turned in a determined display. Nevertheless, Ajax came closest to scoring right on half time, when Gary Hobson's headed ball, pass beat Lou Kastner but, unfortunately for Croydon, the ball struck the upright and bounced back into play.

Ajax went into overdrive in the 55th minute and six minutes later, led 3-0.

The Hillmen really impressed me against Falkner last weekend. If they can maintain the discipline and spirit they showed in that match, they can reach the Dockerty Cup final. If so, they would write themselves into the history books. According to our records, which include an extensive club history written by Lynn Patterson, Box Hill never has reached the Dockerty Cup final.

I think a new chapter in that history will be written at Olympic Park this Sunday. Box Hill coach Bill Murray has a pleasing selection problem - how to fit talented, tough midfielder Richard Miranda into the line-up. Miranda, the former Preston Macedonia player, missed last weekend's match due to injury but resumed training this week.

**Skinhead power? Morwell's Joe Plummer (left) chases Croatia striker Ossie Latif at Olympic Park on Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.**

# Murray's on the ball

**BOX HILL 3 (Verocchia 21st, Hughes penalty 23rd, penalty 83rd) FAWKNER 1 (Brownlie og 11th).** Dockerty Cup quarter-final. Second game of a double header at Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee: Venios 6.

**BOX HILL:** McKinlay 7 - J. Roodhouse 7, Brownie 6, Lawler 7, A. Roodhouse 7 - Hughes 8, Tormie 7, McDonald 8, Ramos 7 - Verocchia 6, Priestley 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

Box Hill coach Bill Murray started preparing his players for their semi-final clash immediately after the Hillmen's decisive 3-1 quarter-final win over Falkner.

News spread quickly around the Wembley Park clubrooms that the Hillmen were drawn to meet Ringwood Wilhelmina in the semi of the 1983 Dockerty Cup. Murray sensed the dangers of a poor mental attitude straight away.

Murray moved about his players, re-assuring them of the strength of opponent Wilhelmina. He didn't want over-confidence to gnaw like a cancer at his players' approach to this vital game.

The second quarter-final here, between home side Box Hill and Falkner, loomed as a great contest between the teams that fought out the First Division title last year and finished a point apart in State League this year. However, after the first 15 minutes, it was no contest.

At that time, Falkner was leading 1-0. It looked sharper from the outset with Tony Schipano giving Ian Roodhouse a few problems. It was Schipano who broke clear in the 11th minute, on the left of the area, and sent a firm drive into the Hillmen's goalmouth, which led to the opening goal. Mel Anselma was charging in and just missed to connect. So did Ian Tuffield, with Donald Brownlie at his back. The Box Hill stopper however, deflected the ball into his own goal off the far post and Falkner had got the start it was searching for.

A few minutes later, Pedro Ramos played a superb through ball to Peter Verocchia. Everyone expected an offside flag to be waved but the linesman let play continue. Even Verocchia seemed surprised and he failed to control the ball cleanly when only confronted by Rob Terzini.

Verocchia thought, was about to make his mark on the match, and what a game he had. His powerful running, both on and off the ball, was a highlight. Falkner really missed Bruno Sabidussi in midfield. He injured knee ligaments in a tackle with team mate Cesare Fattore at training on the Tuesday before this game and was operated on last Saturday.

Box Hill's pressure was rewarded with two goals in two minutes, which took a lot of the fight out of Falkner. A Tormie corner in the 21st minute was headed on at the post by sweeper Donovan Lawler and Verocchia, sliding

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standing on their own goal line!

While the scoreline reflects a comfortable Ajax victory, the green and whites will have to put it together for a much longer period when they clash with Croatia on Sunday in the semi-finals.

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# Bill Buchanan great but Burton wins it

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Burton 89th) DOVETON 0.** Dockerty Cup quarter-final. First game of a double header at Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee: Gaut 8.

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA:** Lee 7 - Brooks 8, Pena 7, Meyer 8, Haupt 7 - Bakker 7, Burton 8, Gibson 7 (inj), Lange 80th - Thom 7, Garvey 7 (inj), Nyholt 87th, Stewart 7. Coach: Rudi van Alben.

**DOVETON:** Ryan 7 - Hill 7, Buchan 7, Clarke 7, Waite 7, Jones 5 (M. Keogh H.T. 6), Watson 7, Webster 7, Miller 6 - Winterhouse 7, Sinton 7. Coach: Hammy McMeekan.

Young Doveton goalkeeper Adam Ryan made just one mistake in this match and it was enough to allow Barry Burton to put Ringwood Wilhelmina into the Dockerty Cup semi-finals.

Extra time was odds on when Wilhelmina left back Graham Haupt got forward down the left and crossed. Ryan should have stayed in goal but he came off his line, with no chance of reaching the ball first, and Burton neatly headed over the stranded keeper to make it 1-0 with a minute of normal time remaining.

Ryan, until then, had done everything right. His handling, especially in the air, was excellent. So too was his positioning, until that fatal moment late in the game.

Don't however, think that Wilhelmina stole this match. Quite the contrary. If had more of the play and should have wrapped up the game earlier.

With John Dowie injured, Steve Gadsby and Greg McMeekan cup-tied, Mark Lennon suspended and Peter Thurlow at a wedding, Doveton fielded a makeshift line-up. Mario Hill and Carlos Waite were the fullbacks, young Shaun Jones was on the right side of midfield and Geoff Waterhouse partnered Ian Sinton up front. The Doves had just one outfield player on the bench - Michael Keogh.

When Wilhelmina stopper Hans Meyer, a fine prospect, made a superb tackle against Waterhouse in the second half, forcing the Doveton youngster to leave the field and receive treatment, the Doves were left with just Sean Keogh in reserve. Michael Keogh had come on at half time for Jones.

Suddenly, Sean Keogh was faced with the nerve racking prospect of becoming an outfield player again after a 10-year stint in goals. Croatia's goalkeeper Peter Blasby would have relished such a prospect. Blasby started his career as a winger and harbors a fantasy of showing us all just what a speedster he could be in that role. Sean Keogh however, doesn't have Blasby's imagination. Fortunately for Keogh, Waterhouse recovered and came back on.

Wilhelmina had the better of the first half. Ryan pulled off an excellent fingertip save to tip a Dave Gibson drive over the bar in the 20th minute. Ryan was to make an even better save in the dying seconds of this half. A Gibson corner to the near post was headed on by Barry Burton. Neil Garvey, well held in check by Paul Corrie early, found himself with a free header at the back post. Garvey headed firmly from four metres but Ryan was able to clear with his leg.

Two minutes into the second half, Wilhelmina was desperately unlucky not to open the scoring. Guy Bakker unleashed a dipping 20 metre drive which beat Ryan but struck the underside of the bar. Ken Stewart, under pressure from Hill, couldn't get onto the end of the rebound and the ball was scrambled clear.

Stan Webster had started off in midfield but coach McMeekan pushed Webster forward alongside Sinton in the second half, with Waterhouse dropping back into midfield. Webster fought like a terrier in this second stanza but the Doves failed to get enough players forward from midfield to support their two front runners.

The longer the second half went, the more certain it seemed that Wilhelmina would break the deadlock. After some near misses and scrambles in the Doveton goalmouth, it took that one error of judgement from Ryan and Burton's excellent header, to settle the issue.

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C'vakia - Spain 1-0, 1-2.  
Eire - Turkey 2-0, 1-2.  
Eire - C'vakia 0-2, 2-1.  
Turkey - C'vakia 0-0, 0-4.  
Qualified: Spain

## Group Two

Norway - Bulgaria 0-2, 0-2.  
Bulgaria - Sweden 3-0, 2-0.  
Bulgaria - Portugal 1-0, 0-0.  
Portugal - Sweden 1-2, 1-1.  
Norway - Portugal 1-2, 1-2.  
Norway - Sweden 3-1, 1-5.  
Qualified: Bulgaria

## Group Three

USSR - Austria 4-3, 0-1.  
USSR - Finland 2-0, 5-2.  
Greece - USSR 0-1, 1-4.  
Finland - Austria 0-0, 1-2.  
Greece - Austria 4-0, 1-1.  
Greece - Finland 2-1, 1-1.  
Qualified: USSR

## Group Four

Albania - Yugoslavia 0-2, 0-4.  
W. Germany - Yugoslavia 3-1, 0-1.  
Albania - W. Germany 0-0, 0-0.  
Qualified: Yugoslavia

## Group Five

Holland - Hungary 2-2, 1-2.  
Hungary - Denmark 6-0, 2-0.  
E. Germany - Hungary 1-0, 1-3.  
Holland - E. Germany 1-0, 3-4.  
E. Germany - Denmark 3-2, 1-1.  
Denmark - Holland 3-2, 0-2.  
Qualified: Hungary

## Group Six

Italy - Rumania 3-1, 1-0.  
Italy - Cyprus 5-0, 2-0.  
Switzerland - Italy 2-2, 0-4.  
Switzerland - Cyprus 5-0, 1-2.  
Cyprus - Rumania 1-5, 0-7.  
Rumania - Switzerland 4-2, 1-7.  
Qualified: Italy

## Group Seven

France - Poland 2-1, 4-1.  
Luxembourg - France 0-3, 1-3.  
Luxembourg - Poland 0-0, 0-4.  
Poland - Belgium 3-1, 4-2.  
Belgium - France 1-5, 1-1.  
Belgium - Luxembourg 3-0, 5-0.  
Qualified: France

## Group Eight

N. Ireland - England 0-2, 0-2.  
England - Wales 5-1, 3-0.  
England - Scotland 2-0, 1-1.  
Wales - Scotland 1-1, 2-3.  
N. Ireland - Wales 0-0, 0-2.  
N. Ireland - Scotland 1-0, 1-2.  
Qualified: England

## Quarter-finals

England - Spain 1-0, 2-1.  
Bulgaria - Italy 3-2, 0-2.  
France - Yugoslavia 1-1, 1-5.  
Hungary - USSR 2-0, 0-3.

## Semi-finals

Italy - USSR 0-0.  
Yugoslavia - England 1-0.  
\* Italy won by toss of coin.

## Match for Third Place

England - USSR 2-0.

## Final

Italy - Yugoslavia 1-1 (after extra time)

## FINAL Replay - Olympic Stadium, Rome - June 10, 1968

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## ITALY - YUGOSLAVIA (2-0) (2-0) (Riva, Anastasi)

ITALY: Zoff, Burchini, Facchetti, Rosato, Guarnini, Salvadori, Domenghini, Mazzola, Anastasi, De Silvestri.

YUGOSLAVIA: Pantalic, Fazlić, Damjanovic, Pavlovic, Paunovic, Holcer, Holic, Trivic, Musanovic, Acimovic, Djadic.

REFEREE: Mr Ortiz de Mendivil (Spain).

## Kiwis home after big brawl

## New Zealand and Taiwan battled out a 1-1 draw in a pre-olympic qualifying match which developed into a massive brawl at the Taipei City stadium.

It was the final match in the Asia-Oceania Group Five preliminary competition for the 1984 Olympic soccer tournament in Los Angeles. New Zealand and Japan will now advance to the Olympic contest.

In previous matches, New Zealand beat Japan 3-1 and 1-0. It also beat Taiwan 2-0 in the first encounter. Japan beat Taiwan 2-0 and later drew 1-1 in the second game.

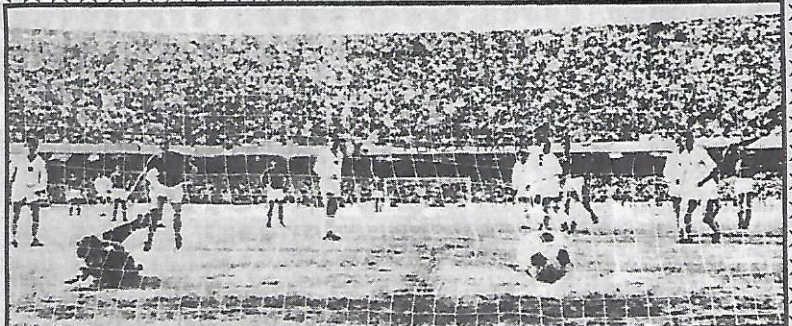
In last week's encounter, rough play by both teams in the second half sparked a massive fist fight that was stopped by Filipino referee Reynaldo Reyes. He called off the match one or two minutes before the end of regulation time.

Some of the 8,000 Taiwanese spectators jumped down on the field and joined in the brawl to attack the New Zealanders but police broke off the clash, which some sports writers said was "regrettable and shameful."

Almost all the players from the two teams took part in the brawl which lasted about three minutes.

Taiwanese player Chen Yin-Lun was ordered off for rough play in the 30th minute. New Zealand's captain Alan Braid headed in his team's only goal in the first minute after kick-off. Taiwan's Lee Tsung-Chih scored the equaliser in the 38th minute.

Taiwanese goalkeeper Lin Chin-Wong excelled.



Italy's Domenghini scores his side's first goal in the quarter final second leg against Bulgaria. Domenghini was to score a similar goal from a free kick in the 1968 final against Yugoslavia.

# Dzajic shines but Italy wins it, thanks to Riva

The third edition of the European Nations' Cup attracted a record participation. The 32 teams were split into eight four-team round robin groups.

The winner of each section was to proceed to the quarter-finals.

The competition became known as the 1966-68 European Football Championship, a name it still holds today.

The British Home countries agreed with the European Football Union (UEFA) to make the two home titles in 1966 and 1967 count for the Cup's qualifying Group Eight.

Holder Spain, rebuilding its team after its success in 1964 against the USSR had no difficulty winning Group One, especially after Czechoslovakia's 1-2 loss at home to modest Eire.

The USSR, winner and runner-up in the competition's first two editions, won 10 out of a possible 12 points in Group Three to qualify easily while Bulgaria, a tough and uncompromising side, won Group Two by edging out Portugal, which had done so well in the 1966 World Cup in England finishing third.

The shock of the qualifying rounds, however, came in Group Five where World Cup beaten finalist West Germany was held to a goalless draw by unrated Albania, allowing Yugoslavia to go through.

Hungary, as expected, qualified from Group Five after a surprise loss away to East Germany, while Italy, fresh from its humiliating World Cup defeat against North Korea, played some good soccer to edge out Switzerland and Rumania in Group Six.

Group Seven winner was France while Italy overcame a 2-3 loss to Scotland to top Group Eight.

The quarter-final draw was: England - Spain, Bulgaria - Italy, France - Yugoslavia and Hungary - USSR.

England found Spain a stiff opponent in the first leg at Wembley but won with a late goal from Bobby Charlton but in the return in Madrid, Alf Ramsey's boys played some top soccer in beating the Spaniards 2-1.

The Bulgaria-Italy tie has plenty of drama as Asparoukov led his team to a 3-2 victory in a packed Levski Stadium in Sofia.

But Italy turned the tables on a defence-minded Bulgaria in the return in Naples by winning 2-0, the second goal coming from a superb diving header from AC Milan left winger Pierino Prati.

Hungary looked a strong bet for a semi-final spot after a convincing 2-0 win over the USSR in Budapest but the Soviets edged out the Magyars by winning the return in Moscow 3-0.

Dragan Dzajic, the Red Star hero, was one of Yugoslavia's best players as the Slavs overcame the French 5-1 in Belgrade after holding them to a 1-1 draw in Paris.

The final series was held in Italy and the Italians and English were tipped to meet in the final.

In the first semi-final in Naples, the USSR played a fine defensive match to hold the Italians to a goalless draw after extra time.

Italy went into the final in the most unconvincing manner - by the toss of a coin.

Later in the evening in Florence, the Italian and English met in the final.

PHILIP MICALLEF continues the history of the European Championships.

Italians fought desperately for the equaliser the Slavs missed their first major honor in 30 years.

But Internazionale midfielder Domenghini hit home a typical goal from a freekick just outside the penalty area to save Italy.

The Italians changed five men for the replay two days later and the inclusion of Luigi Riva made all the difference.

Riva opened the scoring for Italy early in the first half and centre-forward Anastasi made it two with a superb half-volley which set the Olympic Stadium alight.

The jaded and demoralised Yugoslavs were unable to match the sharp Italians who



Dragan Dzajic



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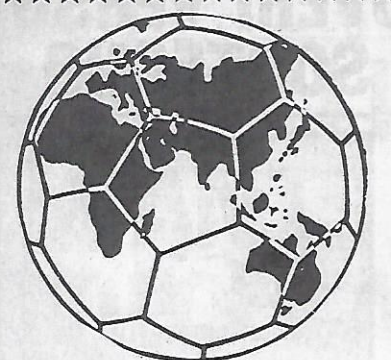
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# SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

# Belgium qualifies, Turkey gives Germans a hand

Belgium continued its remarkable success story of recent years when it became the first nation to join host France in the 1984 European Championship Finals.

The Belgians, runners-up to West Germany in the 1980 competition in Italy, dropped its first point in Group One when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Scotland in Glasgow.

But as Switzerland, the only side with a remote chance of pipping them on goal difference, had gone down 0-3 in East Germany earlier in the day, the Belgians arrived at Hampden Park safe in the knowledge that win, lose or draw, they were assured of a visit to France.

The night's five other qualifying ties all proved inconclusive, although Denmark, Yugoslavia and The Netherlands improved their chances with vital wins.

West Germany, though it was not in action, also got the result it wanted when Turkey scored an unexpected victory over Northern Ireland in Ankara, leaving the holder as hot favourite in Group Six.

Belgium took the lead against Scotland when Franky Vercauteren scored with a fine opportunistic goal in the 30th minutes.

Scotland had long since lost all interest in this competition, but, with the 1986 World Cup draw only eight weeks away, it roared back in a bid to impress manager Jack Stein.

And its pressure finally paid off in the 49th minute thanks to the exciting Charlie Nicholas-Kenny Dalglish partnership.

It was the \$1.3 million Arsenal striker who started the move by intercepting a weak clearance from Michel Wintako. Nicholas exchanged passes with Dalglish, rounded Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff and tucked the ball neatly into the gaping net.

European Championship results:

# New Italy

Italy's recent 3-0 victory over Greece marked the end of an era.

Only three members of the Italians' World Cup winning side—Paulo Rossi, Bruno Conti and Antonio Cabrini played in Bari and it now appears certain that Italy's future lies with the new breed, the most prominent of whom are Carlo Ancelotti (Roma), Bruno Giordano (Lazio), Giuseppe Dossena (Torino) and Salvatore Bagni (Internazionale Milan).

These four, plus the Mundial survivors, are likely to form the backbone of an Azzurri team capable of defending its crown with honor in Mexico.

— PAUL MOON



# I CLUB CALCISTICI HANNO DEI DOVERI VERSO LA COMUNITA' DA CUI VOGLIONO SOSTEGNO

Con lo sconfitto di Morwell e Fawknor nella Dockerty Cup e della Juventus nella Armstrong Cup, e' calato ormai il sipario sulla stagione ufficiale delle tre italiane della massima divisione statale.

E' arrivato così il momento di tirare le somme, di analizzare i risultati di quest'annata eccezionale sotto certi aspetti, deludente sotto altri, del calcio italiano nel Victoria. Lo faremo dettagliatamente nelle prossime settimane.

Ma in linea di massima bisogna dire che il calcio è vivo e vegeto fra la nostra comunità di Melbourne, anche, purtroppo, soffre di alcuni gravi scompensi a livello amministrativo. La scena calcistica italiana è, anch'essa, purtroppo, soffre di alcuni gravi scompensi a livello amministrativo. La scena calcistica italiana è ancora dominata a troppa approssimazione, da troppe divisioni,

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da troppe gelosie. In questo ambiente il tifoso, che è pur sempre la componente più importante di uno sport come il calcio, rimane piuttosto confuso e finisce per diventare deluso.

La mentalità prevalente negli ambienti amministrativi della maggior parte dei club italiani di calcio è ancora molto indietro con i tempi. Si pensa ancora che una "squadra italiana" debba

poter contare automaticamente sull'appoggio della comunità italiana per questioni nazionalistiche, per un dovere sacro. C'è la tendenza a chiedere, a pretendere senza capire il dovere di dare e di offrire qualcosa indietro.

Se guardiamo al calcio esclusivamente come "spettacolo" dovremmo concludere che poche squadre hanno diritto a qualsiasi appoggio perché di "spettacolo" se ne vede molto

poco. Se guardiamo invece ai club calcistici come espressioni comunitarie, non possiamo fare a meno di accorgerci che lo "scambio" è tutto a favore dei club. I club chiedono sempre e ricevono molto, molto spesso. Quando però è il momento di "dare" sono sordi o hanno tanti altri problemi.

Anni fa un ben intenzionato suggerì, per esempio, che l'annuale Coppa Italia assumesse anche un carattere comunitario dovendo parte del suo profitto ad un'opera meritevole come il Villaggio Vaccari. La proposta era stata fatta con la motivazione che la gioventù sportiva di oggi ha un certo obbligo morale verso la vecchia generazione di pionieri che con il loro lavoro e la loro onestà hanno creato le condizioni sociali ed economiche in cui oggi possiamo godere lo sport e tante altre cose che forse nemmeno apprezziamo abbastanza. La proposta fu allora accettata con un generale sorriso che stava quasi a significare "ma questo è matto" e solo l'influenza che il b en intenzionato in parola aveva a quel tempo riuscì a far approvare una "donazione straordinaria" di \$500 al Villaggio Vaccari. Negli anni successivi, naturalmente, della cosa non se ne è più parlato più e i sedici club continuano a dividersi gli incassi della competizione che, ripartiti in tante parti, ammontano a poche centinaia di dollari ciascuno che lasciano la situazione finanziaria dei club, anche dei più piccoli, più o meno come la trovano.

Il concorso di "Miss Italian Community", giusto per dare un ulteriore esempio, è un'altra iniziativa comunitaria che riscuote l'appoggio quasi generale della nostra collettività, ad eccezione naturalmente del settore calcistico. A nostra memoria nessun club calcistico ha mai

E la lista di "assenze" è talmente lunga, ma anche talmente evidente, che non bisogna dilungarsi oltre ad elencarla. Le amministrazioni dei vari club di calcio che "prendono" l'appoggio della comunità debbono fare la loro scelta al più presto possibile, dandogli il loro contributo alle iniziative comunitarie, oppure essere semplicemente attivisti sportivi che vanno sostenuti in relazione allo "spettacolo" che offrono.

Oltretutto, anche se fare la carità con secondi scopi non è molto "cristiano", i club calcistici potrebbero rimanere piacevolmente sorpresi dal "guadagno" che farebbero a lungo andare se adottassero una politica di "dare" oltre che di "avere".

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L'ente mutualistico "Medicare", che presta il suo nome in "Medicare" con il

ritorno al concetto iniziale dell'assicurazione sanitaria universale del vecchio Medibank Standard, darà la sua "copertura assicurativa" all'edizione di quest'anno della Coppa Italia.

Grazie a Max Culuzzi, funzionario del Medicare addetto alle relazioni comunitarie, la competizione calcistica guadagnerà così il suo primo sponsor commerciale oltre alle varie ditte che donano i trofei. Sono al momento in corso trattative per definire la forma di partecipazione della "Medicare" ma fin d'ora non possiamo che congratularci con Max Culuzzi e con la sua organizzazione per aver preso tanto interesse nella competizione come manifestazione comunitaria degna di incoraggiamento. Siamo sicuri che il contributo del "Medicare" causerà quella reazione di cui parlavamo prima, quella cioè che il "dare" spesso produce un "avere" molto generoso e che la comunità sportiva italiana prenderà in grande simpatia l'ente mutualistico nazionale.

**IN PERICOLO IL TITOLO DELLA JUVENTUS U18**

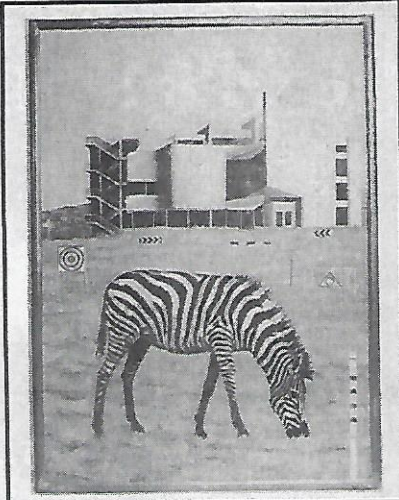
Come tutti sappiamo la squadra U18 della Juventus ha vinto il campionato di categoria appena conclusosi. Quello che invece molti non sanno è che la vittoria è stata per il classico pelo rappresentato da una rete in più nella "differenza reti" rispetto alla formazione del George Cross. Purkopp, però, alla fine non sembra sia stato il George Cross e si è accorto che il risultato della sua partita con la triestina era stato dato come una vittoria per 2-0, mentre invece avrebbe dovuto essere 3-0; la rete in più di quella partita (se veramente c'era) darebbe il campionato al club maltese.

Tutto è possibile in questo nostro calcio, ma che una squadra si accorga di un risultato sbagliato solo mesi dopo della partita è alquanto esagerato. Risultati e classifiche vengono pubblicati ogni settimana su questo giornale, giusto per citare un mezzo di propagazione, e se un errore ci fosse stato avrebbe dovuto essere rettificato allora. Sarà interessante vedere come la federazione si comporterà in questo frangente, che verdetto darà alla protesta del George Cross e come motiverà tale verdetto.

**BOGGI LASCIA IL MORWELL**

Tony Boggi non allenerà il Morwell il prossimo anno. Il tecnico italiano che aveva assunto la direzione della squadra all'inizio della stagione con grandi speranze ha "gettato la spugna" dopo un'annata a dir poco deludente.

Sia Boggi che la direzione del club hanno capito che è



Allo vista di una bella zebra che pascola su un prato erboso con sullo sfondo un imponente edificio dalle linee modernissime qualsiasi sportivo italiano penserebbe immediatamente agli impianti della squadra zebra, specialmente di questi tempi in cui si è tanto parlato di una tale realizzazione su grande scala. Purtroppo invece tale concezione dell'illustrazione qui sopra è piuttosto prematura.

Si tratta invece di un quadro del giovane pittore australiano Antonio Muratore che ha aperto una mostra personale alla Universal Theatre Gallery (17 Victoria Street, Fitzroy) nell'ambito del Festival Italiano delle Arti che si svolge nella nostra città fino al 30 di questo mese. Il quadro è naturalmente in vendita e sarà interessante vedere se ad accaparrarselo sarà un dirigente o un tifoso bianconero.

impossibile per un allenatore residente a Melbourne allenare una squadra che si trova in provincia. E' stato lo stesso Boggi, assieme a Bobby McLaughlin ad organizzare la recente visita della Scozia di Dunne per rimpiazzarlo come allenatore il prossimo anno andando appunto ad abitare a Morwell. Anche per i giocatori si cercherà di usare lo stesso criterio il prossimo anno poiché si è visto chiaramente che è impossibile avere mezza squadra a Morwell e l'altra metà a Melbourne. L'unico allenamento settimanale fatto da tutta la squadra assieme a Morwell pone un peso troppo pesante sugli atleti che debbono sorbirsi quattro ore di automobile al giovedì sera per raggiungere il resto della squadra.

Per ora ci limitiamo alla notizia del cambio di guardia per il prossimo anno, in una delle prossime edizioni esamineremo più da vicino il fatidico volo che Falconi spiccarono l'anno scorso e la preoccupante perdita di quota fatta registrare quest'anno.

Intanto la situazione di Boggi rimane un punto interrogativo. Il tecnico italiano, che aveva guidato la Juventus al suo ultimo trionfo nel 1970 e che quindi raggiunge l'apice della sua carriera come allenatore della nazionale, non ha avuto delle stagioni particolarmente felicine negli ultimi anni. Qualsiasi giudizio uno possa dare sul valore puramente tecnico di Boggi, è innegabile che egli conosca l'ambiente del calcio locale come pochi. Sarebbe un vero peccato perciò se egli, anche a causa delle pressioni derivantegli dalla sua attività

commerciale, decidesse di lasciare la scena calcistica completamente. A nostro giudizio, anche per le sue limitazioni di tempo Tony Boggi è in effetti il miglior direttore tecnico (o team manager che si voglia dire) in circolazione. Sia lui che i maggiori club di Melbourne farebbero bene perciò a cominciare a orientarsi verso questa direzione.

**"PRESENTATION" ALFAWKNER E ALLA JUVE**

Il conteggio dei voti per l'assegnazione della Cos Medal al Fawknor, avverrà questo sabato presso la sede del club. Il riconoscimento va al giocatore che su base settimanale ha ricevuto il massimo punteggio da parte di un'aggiunta di tecnici della squadra.

La premiazione annuale del club avrà luogo sabato 12 novembre presso la sala per ricevimenti "La Scala" di Footscray. Coloro che non avessero ancora i biglietti per questa serata farebbero bene a mettersi immediatamente in contatto con qualsiasi membro del comitato. La "presentation night" della Juventus avverrà invece domenica prossima, prima della partenza della squadra per Bali dove prenderà parte al torneo per la "Garuda Cup". Il ballo annuale del club avrà quindi luogo sabato 26 novembre nella magnifica Melrose Reception di Tullamarine che lo stesso Primo Ministro Bob Hawke ha definito recentemente "sicuramente fra le più belle sale di Melbourne". Per biglietti di questa serata ci si può rivolgere qualsiasi membro del comitato o telefonare alla signora Tenace (63 2127 durante il giorno).

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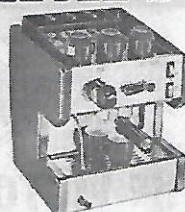
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## MAKEDONIJA PRED TRIJUMFOM

Pretpostedno kolo Nacionalnog prvenstva Australije u fudbalu povratilo je neoevakivani Makedoniju na pravo mesto, tako da iduce nedelje treba očekivati fotofinis kakav ovdavski nisu doživeli i jubiteji fudbala na ovom kontinentu.

Sve je islo na ruku Makedoniji, ali najzaslužniji su njeni, koji su ubedili juvo pobedu East Adelaide sa 3:0. Nagradu za njihov trud pružili su sami konkurenti, jer ni jedan od njih nije zabeležio pobedu, a najopasniji protivnik Sydney City čak je porazen napusto teren i po svoj prilici ispolio iz trke za prvo mesto.

Istina, poslednje kolo na papiru je najteže za Makedoniju, jer igra protiv Olympica u Sidneju, gde je tradicionalno loše prolazila. Da sada, u tom maleronom gradu "crno-crveni", nisu postigli ni jednu pobedu za tri godine od kako se takmiče u Nacionalnoj ligi. Sa naasnijim timom, koje je poneo val odusevljenja, Makedonija je na najboljem putu da razbije malar. Bez optimizma nema uspeha, ali ako je preteran može biti fatalan. Iz razgovora koji su vodili na radio stanici Zarko Ozdakov, Djordje Todorovski i Zoran Illoski sa reporterima dobili se utisak da ovi momci neće nista prepuštati slučaju. Najmlađi je Zoran Illoski, pa je zato najviše optimista, dok su Ozdakov i Todorovski vrlo oprezni, što je odlika iskusnih igrača. Djordje Todorovski, koji se u pravo vreme vratio u formu (najbolji je bio na terenu protiv West Adelaide), smatra da se u prvom poluvremenu protiv Olympica odlučiti utakmicu odbrane Makedonije. Ako ne primi ni jedan gol od odlaska na odmor, znaci je prebrojena i protivnik ce u finisu biti oboren na pleca.

Sigurno je da ce navijaci Makedonije preplaviti Sidneju iduce nedelje, ali uprava Makedonije priprema ugodno iznenađenje za one koji ne mogu napustiti Melburn. Angazovan je radio reporter, koji ce preko telefona prenositi celu utakmicu u klubske prostorije Makedonije, gde ce biti postavljani zvučnici. Telefonski račun ce iznositi preko 500 dolara, ali bogato ce se isplati.

Ne samo za navijace Makedonije, vec za ceo fudbalski Melburn, ova utakmica bice pitanje prestiza. Naslov prvaka osvajali su sidnejski klubovi 5 puta, je danput je to radost dovela i Adelaide, a Melburn ni jedanput. Ove godine, veliku sansu imaju Makedonija i Helas, ali sve citace ove rubrike posebno ce obradovati uspeh Makedonije, koja je za kratko vreme u Nacionalnoj ligi postigla vise od svih ostalih i daleko bogatiji klubova.

## RAGBI U ADELAIDI

JUST ce izgleda završiti sezonu kao sto je poceo — sa porazima. Posto se izvukao iz opasne zone i ponasao debelu hladovinu, JUST je nastavio de igra neodgovorno i bez ambicija. Istina, nije bilo nikakvih ponova za inspiraciju, ali i prestiz je vazan faktor za igrace, koji vole fudbal i klubske boje. Na zalost, u "plavom" taboru ta osecanja su podeljena, a misteriozne povrede izbacuju iz stroja ključne igrace.

Posteno govoreci, poraz u Adelaidi niko nije očekivao, iako protivnik "plavih" nije bio nikada za poštivanje. Poznavaoci mentalitet JUST-ovih fudbalera, domaci igraci su poceli brzo i grubo, pa su u prvih 10 minuta postigli dva "blit" gola i izbacili iz koloseka goste. Onda je stupio na scenu sudija, koji je ocigledno favorizovao domace igrace i njihovu grubu igru, tako da su sporadicne tuce (cak upadajne gledalaca u igraliste) stvarile atmosferu Biskop Istoka. Pored toga, sto nije priznao regularan gol Jamie

Patona, sudija je pokazao "plavim" igracima dva crvena (Kyriakoulas i Belic) i sest zutih kartona, sto znaci da ce JUST biti desetkovan i sledece nedelje, kada igra poslednju ovogodisnju prvenstvenu utakmicu protiv Leichard na svom igralistu u Footscrayu. Ne samo na igralistu, vec i van njega, JUST je naisao na hladnu atmosferu koja ne bi smela da se docekue gostujuce klubove, narocito iz dalekih mesta. Sve sto je bilo potrebno (uključujući osvezavajuce pice) "plavi" su dobijali sa velikom teskocom, da ne spominjemo osnovne zakone higijene i pristojnosti.

Poslednju utakmicu na svom igralistu JUST ce po svoj prilici odigrati sa podmlađenim sastavom. Ne bi bilo lose da se pruži ponovo prilika Slobodanu Stojcevcu, koga je neopravdano posle poredne prekrivao zabavara. Nije cudo, sto ovaj talentovani igrac namerava da promeni sredinu.

## DOCKERTY KUP

Kroz dve nedelje odigrace se finale Dockerty kupa, najstarijeg takmicenja u Australiji, sa kojim ce se završiti sezona u Viktoriji. Uspavala i umalo sto nije ispala iz ovog elitnog takmicenja. "Crveni" su u Morwell naleteli na tvrđ orah, tako da se utakmica posle produzetka završila bez golova. Odlucili su jedanaesterc i vecu iskvitu igrača Croatije, koja je jos uvek favoriti za osvajanje Dockerty kupa. Ukoliko zreb ne bude nemilosrdan u finalu se mogu susresti najveći rivali Croatia i Ajax.

## ZATAJILI "PLAVI" STRELCI

U finalu Provizionalnog kupa Mordialoc Clarinda pobedila je Springvale United u produzetku igre sa 3:2. Igralo se po veliki kisi i blatu, sto je pomoglo Clarindi da savlada bolji tim iz Springvale. Medjutim, pitanje je da li blato i kisa toliko pomogli Clarindi da usidja nije bez razloga produzio regularni tok utakmicu za citavih tri minuta. Tada je Clarinda izjednacila, sto je dovelo do produzetka od 20 minuta.

U prvom poluvremenu nije bilo golova, a u 53. minutu sudija je opravdao dosudno jedanaesterc za Clarindu, koja je uspesno iskoristila udarac sa bele tacke i podela sa 1:0. Najbolji strelci Bratstva/Jedinstva Milan Stojilovic, Dragoslav Jelcic i Milenko Culibrk, koji se oporavio od povrede, nisu nikako mogli da se snadju na blatnjavom terenu, pa je ulogu strelca uspesno prihvatio vitki i borbeni Hitko Kaim. Postigao je dva lepa gola u 78. i 85. minutu i izgledalo je da je obezbedio pobedu svome timu. Medjutim, umesao se sudija i Hitkov trud bio je uzaludan.

Ipak, Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je moralni pobednik ovog finala, koje je odigrao u sledecem sastavu: Milan Mandic, Dura Sivec (Goran Veljovic od 55. minuta), Pero Dekic, Hitko Kaim, Dragan Janjic, Ninoslav Sipic, Dragoslav Jelcic, Marin Basic (Petko Tomic od 65. minuta), Stevan Janjic, Milan Stojilovic, Milenko Culibrk.

## ZVEZDIN TURNIR

Turnir amaterskog kluba Crvena zvezda održan je na dva igralista zbog nezapamcene poplave na JUST-ovom igralistu. U subotu se nekako odigralo prvo kolo ovog turnira, iako je voda bila do članaka na JUST-ovom igralistu, ali sutradan se moglo igrati samo vaterpolo, zbog cega se preslo na Como Park. I tamo je bilo blata, koje nije smetalo da se razviju lepe i uzbudljive igre.

Prvog dana su postignuti sledeći rezultati:  
Drugi tim JUSTA - West Wodonga 3:1. Strelci: Tony Clayworth, Jimmy Fernandez, Emil Petrov za JUST, Ray Filipovic za West Wodonga.  
C. zvezda - Bosna 2:0. Strelci: Mladen Mutic i Mendo Ristovski.  
Rugbo dana na Como Parku.  
C. zvezda - West Wodonga 2:1. Strelci: Miki Cvetkovski i Boro Vjestica.  
I za Wodonga, auto Marko Alavuk za West Wodonga.

Drugi tim JUSTA - komb. Bosna 6:0 (5:0). Strelci: Tony Clayworth 3, Jimmy Fernandez, Emil Petrov i Cane Veleviski.

West Wodonga - komb. BOSNA 6:3. Strelci: Lui Kapilari, Peter Colombara, Paul Triburic, Jerry Devlin, Bepi Tudor i Mark Alavuk za West Wodonga, Branko Gavran 2 i David Franz autogol za Bosnu.

Drugi tim JUSTA - C. zvezda 2:2. Strelci: Dragoslav Jelcic autogol i Jim Fernandez za JUST, Dragoslav Jelcic 2 za Zvezdu. Umesto da je postigao makar jedan gol dan ranije za "Plave" iz Springvale u finalu Provizionalnog kupa, Dado je kao gost na turniru Zvezde ostvario "net-trik", ali jedaput je pogodio pogresnu mrežu.

Posto se igralo po bod sistemu drugi tim JUSTA je osvojio Zvezdin pehar zahvaljujući boljoj gol razlici. Pored nevremena i promene igralista, turnir je izvanredno funkcionisao, sto je zasluga martijave uprave Zvezde na celu sa menadzervom Nikolom Milenkovicom. Najbolji igrač ovog turnira bio je Sasa Milenkovic, a golman mladi Zoran Vlanjic.

## VOJVODINA DRUGA NA SVOM TURNIRU

U nedelju 16. oktobra završen je turnir Altona/Vojvodine po velikom nevremenu, ali u najboljem raspolozenju.  
U polufinalu su postignuti sledeći rezultati:  
Dallas City - Lalor Sloga 1:0.  
Altona/Vojvodina - Carlton/Mladost 2:0. Oba gola postigao je Adam Miller, dok je golman Vojvodine Stan Peska odbranio penal, koji je izveo Marko Stojcevic.  
Za treće mesto:  
Carlton/Mladost - Lalor/Sloga 4:2 (1:0).  
Finalo:  
Dallas City - Altona Vojvodina 2:0 (1:0). Gosti su se bolje snasli po kisi i blatnjavom terenu, pa su zasluženno osvojili pehar Vojvodine. Vojvodina je mogla da ugrozi pobedu gostiju, ali Paul Gallo nije iskoristio jedanaestercu u odlucujucem momentu.

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# TA NEA TON OMAΔON ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



by Manos Milios

## ΤΑ ΚΥΡΙΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΒΛΗΜΑΤΟΣ ΣΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ - ΚΑΡΤΙΝΑ ΚΑΙ ΔΕΛΤΑ ΜΑΝΤΙΝΤΕΡ

Το προβληματικό και τον αναπληρωματικών ομάδων με κέρσιος ή άλλα άλλα με πολύ κόπο αφού χρειάστηκε αρκετή τύχη στον κανονικό χρόνο και μετά στα πέναλτυ την βοήθεια του θαυμάσιου γκολκίπερ της Δελτάς Κώστα Γκιτάς — ο οποίος οδο πέναλτυ τον παίκτη του Λευκίδια.

Ο κανονικός αγώνας έληξε 3-3 και τα τέσσερα τα είχαν πετύχει οι Λευκίδια 2 και Σταχτιάδης μία την Δελτά και Πατερώνης 2, θαλασσινός για τον Λευκίδια.

Ας σημειωθεί ότι όταν το σκορ ήταν 2-2 ο Λευκίδιας πέτυχε και τρίτο τέρμα και αμέσως μετά έχασε πέναλτυ που θα του έδωκε σφύριζε την νίκη.

Η Δελτά με τον Λιακούπου έκανε το 3-3 και στην παράταση δεν άλλαξε το σκορ για να κτηθούν πέναλτυ που είχαν ως έλξη: Κουτρούβης (Δελτά) 1-0  
Λιακούρας (Λευκίδια) 1-1  
Γκιτάς (Δελτά) 2-1  
Θαλασσινός (Λευκίδια) 2-2  
Λιακούρας (Δελτά) 3-2  
Αποστολάκης (Λευκίδια) 3-3  
Παυλινός (Δελτά) δοκάρη  
Σουλιός (Λευκίδια) άπεκρουσε ο Γκιτάς.  
Ορολογάς (Δελτά) 4-3  
Πατερώνης (Λευκίδια) 4-4  
Σουλιός (Δελτά) 5-4  
Σουλιός (Λευκίδια) 5-5  
2. Μελέτης (Δελτά) 6-5  
Κωστής (Λευκίδια) άπεκρουσε ο Γκιτάς.  
Από την Δελτά έχασαν οι Λιακούρας, Θαλασσινός, Σταχτιάδης και ο Γκιτάς όταν έπαιξε στην κανονική του ήση σαν τερματοφύλακας.

Από τον άγχο Λευκίδια ο Λιακούρας με την περία του ήταν ο καλύτερος.

## ΕΤΕΡΟ ΠΑΡΑΤΑΞΗ ΚΑΙ ΔΕΛΤΑ Η ΚΑΡΤΙΝΑ ΝΙΚΗΣ ΤΟ ΕΠΙΤΥΧΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ 3 - 2

Η Κάρτινα κέρσιος έκανε το ισοβάθρο ναλ 3-3 από το Σπρινγκβιλ από κόντε

αυτή χάρισε στους αντιπάλους της και βρέθηκε από 1-0 που ήταν μπροστά από το 5-4 με πέναλτυ του Κουτρούβη, να χάνει στο 85' 2-1 ενώ 4 λεπτά πριν είχε δεχθεί την ισοβαθία.

16 2-2 έκανε ο Γκιτάς στο 90' και στη παράταση ο Α. Αποστολάκης πέτυχε το με γκολ 3-2 που χάρισε και το κύπελλο στην ομάδα του.

Στο ίδιο γήπεδο που έγιναν οι αγώνες παραβρέθηκε και ο Γκιτάς του 4-3 και τον άλλος ο οποίος έκανε και την άπονομή των επόλων.

## ΦΩΤΟ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ: ΝΕΥΤΟΣ ΗΑΚΙΝΤΕ

Ο οίτος Κλάτ της πρωταθλήτριας Δελτάς Γκιτάς βρήκε ο πρώτος παίκτης στην κατηγορία της Α' του Προβλήματος Λήκη.

Το περασμένο άβροστο ήρε το μετάλλιο από την δικτατορία Όμοσπονδία.

Ετήν Β' του Προβλήματος την 18 ήση την κέρσιος ο Η. Γκιτάς της Κάρτινας.

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ - ΚΑΡΤΙΝΑ

Πολλές είναι οι έπιθες για τις ομάδες που άνηκουν στην δικτατορία Όμοσπονδία άλλες με μένουν στις κατηγορίες τους και να μην υποβιβαστούν και άλλες για να πάνε άνωθεν πύ οπλά.

Όλα αυτά θα γίνουν μετά την έτσηνα Ρενι ή Συνέλευση του 750 που θα γίνει στις 27 του Οκτώβρη 1983.

Οι ενδιαφερόμενες ομάδες θα πρέπει να υποβάλουν σύντομα τις αίτησεις τους.

Από έτι άνοσσε οι έθσεις που θα μένουν νένας στο Μετροπόλιταν θα είναι 9 ή 8.

Υπάρχει περίπτωση να μην υποβιβαστούν ή Η. Δελτάς και το Ηπρόντο.

Επίσης κάτι που συζητείται πολύ είναι ο προβληματικός της τουρκικής ομάδας Χέλαντ πάρε καθός και της ομάδας του Σέπταρον στην κατηγορία του Στέτη Λήκη.

Ετό μεταρρύθμιση ο κίνδυνος για την ομάδα της Δελτάς του Στέτη Λήκη που όμοι αέταται στην Α' του Μετροπόλιταν να την διαλύσει ή Όμοσπονδία, όπως και τις ομάδες

της Δελτάς, το Πρόστον και το Μέγα.

Αυτή "Εθνική πρωταθλήτρια γίνεται σε όδο άλλων οι τρεις τελευταίες θα διαλύσουν όριστικά, ενώ και η Δελτάς θα έχει την ίδια τύχη.

## ΥΠΟΛΟΓΟΝ ΑΝΤΙΠΡΟΣΩΠΕΙ

Οι άνθρωποι όμως της Δελτάς έχουν αντιορήσεις και ζητάνε να τους επιτραπεί τουλάχιστο να υπολογιστούν την ομάδα σαν σύλλογο της Α' του Μετροπόλιταν.

Ηδη όπως άνοσσε το Μορντιάλλο έχει δείξει ενδιαφέρον.

Πάντως άπό έτι γνωρίζουμε δεν είναι και άγοι οι παράγοντες της Δελτάς που το έχουν ήδη πάρει άπόφαση για την διάλυση.

Μάλιστα παράγον του συλλόγου μας έπαιξε: "Το μόνο που κέρσιος από την άποψη της Χανόα ήταν το έτι μένουμε μόνοι μας στο Μίντλ - Πάρκ".

## ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ

Αρχίζει το Ελληνικό Κύπελλο του Μορντιάλλο στις 6 του Νοέμβρη 1983.

Όπως άνοσσε — γιατί η στήλη δεν έχει πάρε άνοση κανένα έντυπο έμμερστικό άπό τον όπεδο — οι αγώνες θα γίνονται Κυριακάς και Τετάρτες.

Το τελευταίο (κάθε Τετάρτη) είναι κάτι που όπωσδήποτε άνοσσε άπό την έπιτυχία του τουρνουά γιατί είναι προμερά όδοσλο μία ομάδα να όνοσσε όποσσε έργαζόμενος παίκτης της δικτατορίας και υλίστα στο μακρύ γήπεδο του Μορντιάλλο.

Σείς πάντως έγκρισε καλή έπιτυχία και... έπιμένουμε νέα από τον όπεδο της έπιτοής.

## ΝΕΑ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

Με έπιστολή του ο πρόεδρος της Ν. Δελτάς κ. Α. Πάπας με άνοση γνωστή την ένοση της ομάδας του με την Κυριακή Συνέλευση Σέτου.

Συγκεκριμένα με άνοση: "Με το γεγονός αέτο άνοσσε μία καινοόργια σελόα για τον έστορικό σύλλογο.

Το όνομα του συλλόγου παραμένει Ν. Δελτάς.

Οι φίλοι της Δελτάς όπωσδήποτε την νέα μας ομάδα για να έχει ένα λαμπρό μέλλον".

## ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΣΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ

Η Γενική Συνέλευση του Καίστον ΧΙΑ ΡΑ γίνεται στις 30 του Οκτώβρη 1983 στην έλση του γηπέδου.

## ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Στις 19 του Νοέμβρη 1983 η πρωταθλήτρια της Β' του Προβλήματος Λήκη Μάλβερν Σίτυ, έδινε τον έτσηνο χορό της στο Άπασσον Ρεσέρβιον.

Κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα όδοσεν και τα άναμνηστικά έπαιδα στους παίκτες που κέρσιος άζια το πρωτάθλημα.

Οι φίλοι του Μάλβερν όποσσε την έπληρωσή σου για έπειθήρια στο 568 5683 κ. Γιατρά κη.

## ΕΝΩΣΗ ΜΟΝΤΙΝ

Απόψε και άρα 6.45 στο Μίντλ Πάρκ η πρωταθλήτρια της Α' κατηγορίας του "Ιντάστοριαλ Λήκη" Ένωση Μοντιν θα άναμνησσει σε φιλική συνάντηση την ομάδα κάτω των 19 της Δελτάς ή όποια θα είναι ένοσσηνη με την Χρόστο Ηλεκία και μεριστός παίκτης από την ομάδα του Στέτη Λήκη.

Για τον έγνοα καλόνται οι παίκτες της Ένω. Μοντιν όπως βρίσκονται έγκαίριος στο γήπεδο.

## ΤΟ ΒΟΤΗΜΑΝ ΜΕΔΑΛ ΕΤΟΝ ΣΤΕΦΑΝ ΜΙΑ

Τελικά το ΒΟΤΗΜΑΝ ΜΕΔΑΛ το κέρσιος ο άνω τινός της Πολύνης Στέφαν ΜΙΑ ο όποιος ήταν άρωστος και όον παραυρέθηκε στην έπιθήκη που έγινε την παρασκευή έπιμνη στο ένοσσηλο της Ηλεκόβρη Σέουβερν Χρό. Ο ΜΙΑ όνοσσηνε 35 βαθμούς, ένατι 33 του Κάμνι της Κρότιας και 29 του Γιάρο Βοζίκη του "Ηρακλή.

Το ΒΟΤΗΜΑΝ ΜΕΔΑΛ ήταν το 13ο και όπως με όε χρόνο σημείωσε και πάλι έπιτυχία.





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'77.....	
'78.....	
'79.....	5-1
'80.....	1-0
'81.....	2-1
'82.....	0-1



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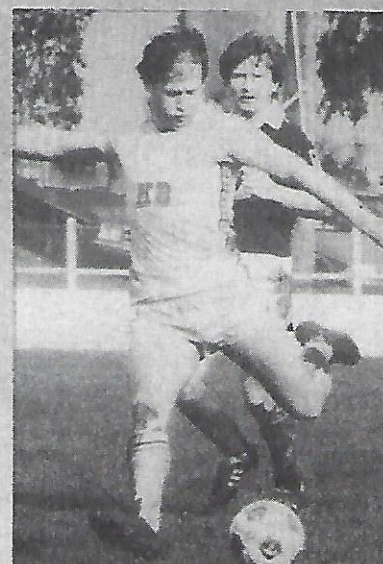
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**K.O. 3 pm**

*Previous results*

'77.....	
'78.....	1-0
'79.....	2-4
'80.....	4-0
'81.....	1-2
'82.....	2-0



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